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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter

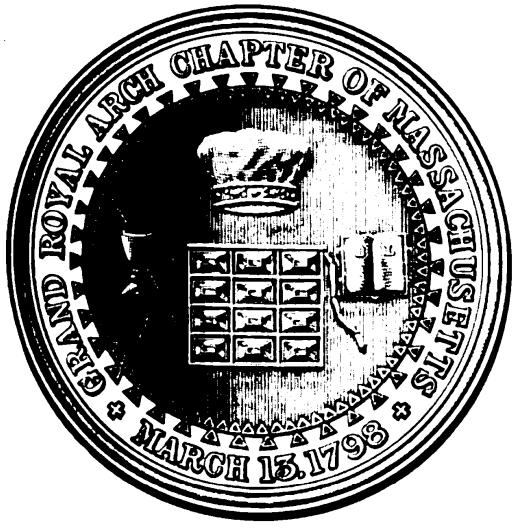
OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FROM MARCH 9 TO DECEMBER 7, 1920

M.·. E.·. JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH, GRAND HIGH PRIEST

M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE, GRAND SECRETARY



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QUARTERLY CONVOCATION

MARCH 9, 1920

A Stated Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, March 9, A.D. 1920, A.˙.I.˙. 2450.

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock P.M., and after prayer by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing "God Bless Our Native Land," the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.˙.E.˙. J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest
R.˙. E.˙. LORENZO L. GREEN . .	Deputy Grand High Priest
R.˙. E.˙. FRANK S. ELLIOTT . .	Grand King
R.˙. E.˙. ALBERT E. WEBSTER . .	Grand Scribe
M.˙.E.˙. EUGENE A. HOLTON . .	Grand Treasurer
M.˙.E.˙. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary

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R.·. E.·. William M. Farrington D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist. 1
R.·. E.·. Frank W. Palmer . . " " " 2
R.·. E.·. Ernest J. Haydon . . " " " 3
R.·. E.·. John B. Canfield . . " " " 4
R.·. E.·. Fred Hobbs . . . . " " " 8
R.·. E.·. Herbert W. Dean . . " " " 10
R.·. E.·. Charles E. A. Ross . . " " " 13
R.·. E.·. Edward J. Ellis . . " " " 14
R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger " " " 15
E.·. Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D. Grand Chaplain
E.·. Rev. Paul Sterling . . " "
E.·. Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL. D., Grand Chaplain
E.·. Raymond T. Sewall . . Grand Lecturer
E.·. Arthur Twitchell . . Grand Captain of the Host
E.·. Ernest F. Spicer . . Grand Principal Sojourner
E.·. Elmer C. Read . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain
E.·. Edgar O. Dewey . . . Grand Master Third Veil
E.·. Harry M. Jones . . . " " First "
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M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince . . " " " "
R.·. E.·. Henry S. Bunton . . Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. Samuel A. Phelps . . " " " " "
R.·. E.·. Jesse E. Ames . . . " " " " "
R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman . . . " " " " "
R.·. E.·. Henry E. Gaylord . . Past Grand King
R.·. E.·. Daniel L. Brownell . " " "
R.·. E.·. G. Sidney Macfarlane . " " "
R.·. E.·. R. Walter Hilliard . . Past Grand Scribe
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . . " " "
R.·. E.·. Alfred H. Nash . . . " " "
R.·. E.·. William M. Thorup . " " "
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . " " "

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CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

ADONIRAM*	MT. WOLLASTON	SATUCKET
BETHSAIDA	MT. ZION	SHEKINAH
CAMBRIDGE	MYSTIC	SIGNET
COMPOSITE	NEWTON	SOMERVILLE
DORCHESTER	NORFOLK	SYLVESTER BAXTER
DORIC	OLD COLONY*	TABERNACLE
EVENING STAR	ORIENT	THOMAS
FRANKLIN*	PARKER	TRINITY
HARMONY	PENTALPHA	UNITY
HEBRON	PILGRIM	VINEYARD
KEYSTONE	ST. ANDREW'S	WALDEN
KING SOLOMON'S*	ST. JOHN'S	WALTHAM
MENOTOMY	ST. MARK'S	WASHINGTON
MORNING STAR	ST. MATTHEW'S	WAVERLY
MT. HOLYOKE*	ST. PAUL'S	WILLIAM FERSON
MT. HOREB	ST. STEPHEN'S	WINTHROP
MT. SINAI	SAMOSET	WORCESTER
MT. VERNON		

GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

ARKANSAS	KENTUCKY	PENNSYLVANIA
CANADA	MAINE	QUEBEC
CONNECTICUT	NEBRASKA	TENNESSEE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NORTH CAROLINA	VIRGINIA
IDAHO	NORTH DAKOTA	WASHINGTON
ILLINOIS	OKLAHOMA	WISCONSIN

The Grand High Priest announced the presence in an adjoining apartment of Past Grand High Priest, Arthur D. Prince, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and appointed the Past Grand High Priests a committee with M.·. E.·. J. Albert Blake (a Past Grand Master) as chairman, to escort the Grand Master to the East.

The pleasant duty having been performed by the Committee, the Grand High Priest, in earnest and fitting language, expressed to M.·. E.·. Companion Prince his per-

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sonal pleasure in being able to officially welcome him as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and received from the Grand Master an appreciative and happy response.

The record of the Annual Convocation December 9, 1919, was approved as printed.

E.·. Herman F. Hawthorne, who was not present at the Annual Convocation, was installed a Grand Steward.

COMMITTEES

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

The Committee appointed to review the Annual Address of the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest beg leave to report.

The address of the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest abounds in evidence of earnest, sincere, faithful effort on his part to promote the welfare of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, and while he disclaims that the increase in membership of nearly three times that of the previous year, and the entire harmony which has prevailed throughout the state is due to any merit of his own, yet it is patent to us all that the democracy of the Grand Chapter has not been so dominated by autocratic leadership as to mar the cordial relations existing between the Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters. Sincerity of purpose, sanity of judgment and a wholehearted spirit of service have characterized the first year of his administration.

In view of the requirement that "every Chapter in this jurisdiction shall send to the Grand High Priest in office copies of all notices of Chapter meetings at the same time they are sent to its members," it would appear that nearly half of the Secretaries of the several Chapters are remiss in complying with this mandatory regulation. It is hoped that delinquent Secretaries will take note of this sin of omission and reform.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

In accordance with Article XV of the Particular Regulations that "District Exemplifications shall be held in every District under

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this Jurisdiction at least once in two years, and that the officers of every Chapter shall take part in the work,'' seventy-eight Chapters participated in these exemplifications the past year, the remaining Chapters having complied with this requirement the previous year.

The Grand Chapter has been committed so long to the importance and necessity of these exemplifications in order that a correct knowledge of the Ritual shall be the possession of every officer of every Chapter, and that the best interests of Capitular Masonry is dependent upon a careful and intelligent rendition of the work, that it would seem unnecessary for the Grand Chapter to reaffirm its position on the matter; but when twenty-six of the Chapters taking part fall below the valuation of being ''good,'' it raises the question whether or not this Grand Chapter shall pass such legislation as will make such a showing impossible.

If exemplifications were required every year it would undoubtedly help, but in the last analysis efficiency is dependent upon the zeal, enthusiasm, and proper appreciation of the high calling whereunto every officer has been chosen. We most heartily approve all that the Grand High Priest has said relative to this matter.

Dispensations

We note with pleasure the conservative care exercised in granting dispensations. When it is generally known that dispensations will not be granted except for some paramount reason, then the life of the Grand High Priest will cease to be a burden.

New Chapters

The first year of the Grand High Priest's administration is signalized by granting charters to two new Chapters, Mt. Wollaston and Vineyard Royal Arch Chapters, and by granting a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Swampscott. This is evidence of growth and interest.

The address calls for no definite recommendations or legislation.

The Grand High Priest closes his valuable address by calling upon all Companions to more fully realize their fundamental obligations as Masons in promoting the art of living together.

We most heartily agree that ''the real genius of Masonry is to help others, and the addition to our membership of one Companion who will adopt that principle and make it the ruling motive of his daily life is worth much more to Capitular Masonry than the addi-

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tion of a much larger number who may seek the degrees for personal benefit or sociability.''

Your Committee feel most earnestly that this admonition cannot be over emphasized. We must not only guard well the gates of entrance into our Chapters, but it is encumbent upon every Chapter to impress upon every candidate that his admission to Masonry imposes upon him an obligation not simply to be faithful to Chapter requirements, but more especially to give expression in his daily life to the outstanding principles of Free Masonry.

To Masons is entrusted the Ark of the Covenant wherein are found those principles which, when vitalized and made dominant in the hearts of its members, will result in the reorganization of the world. Anarchy will fade away in the presence of law and order: greed and selfishness will be supplanted by justice, and wars and rumors of war shall perish from the earth. This would not be a far cry if all Masons, with one accord, by word and act and deed would be the makers of public opinion.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.
J. ALBERT BLAKE.
ARTHUR G. POLLARD.

Accepted for record

CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
BOSTON, MASS., March 9, 1920.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand R.·. A.·. Chapter of Massachusetts:

Your Committee on Charters and By-Laws have examined the amendment to their By-Laws submitted by Mt. Lebanon R.·. A.·. Chapter, Houghton R.·. A.·. Chapter, Morning Star R.·. A.·. Chapter, Concord R.·. A.·. Chapter and Pentalpha R.·. A.·. Chapter.

All of these amendments relate to changes in fees and dues and regulation of funds.

We find them to be in conformity with the Grand Constitution and recommend them for approval.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE E. AMES.
DEAN K. WEBSTER.
GARDNER R. P. BARKER.

Accepted and recommendation adopted.

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Memorial

EDWARD LEWIS CHASE, R.·. E.·. Grand Scribe 1908.
Born in Yarmouth, Mass., April 23, 1858.
Died in Hyannis, January 1, 1920.

For a long time we will mourn the death of Right Excellent Companion Edward Lewis Chase. He was born in West Yarmouth, April 23, 1858, where he lived until 1882, when he moved to Hyannis and became interested in the grain and coal business. And although he had a large and prosperous business, and held many official positions, every citizen might approach him with complaint or for advice without danger of meeting rebuff, and this privilege was used by so many and with such unsparing freedom that only superhuman patience could have endured it all. He repelled no one whom he believed to speak to him in good faith and with honest purpose.

He was a man of widest intellectual sympathies, ever ready with a helping hand and kindly, cheerful word. He was alive to the advance interests by which the world is carried forward.

He was one of our most prominent business men in the town and the County, holding the office of County Treasurer for twenty-five years; was Prudential Committee of the Hyannis Fire District for years; was many times elected trustee of the Universalist Church, of which he was a constant attendant. He always took the deepest interest in town affairs, generally among the first to arrive at the Town House at all annual Town Meetings, and took an important part in the deliberations. He was for years a Director of the First National Bank and afterwards of the Hyannis Trust Company, and was at the time of his death its Vice-President. He wrote many deeds and settled many estates, and for several years was manager of

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the large and important real estate holdings of the Clark Estate, and probably knew more boundaries and owners of real estate than any other man in the whole town. He did a large insurance business, and the prompt, fair and liberal manner in which he settled all claims held the respect and admiration of both the companies and his clients. He was noted for his liberality. No deserving cause escaped his generous contribution. His advice to young men always was, "Take a front seat and pay your way." He was the treasurer of the Hyannis State Normal School Student's Loan Fund since its establishment, over twenty years; was one of the incorporators of the Cape Cod Hospital and its clerk and treasurer. He was a man of strong ideas, honest and aggressive in his opinions.

He had a great love for Masonry, and his fidelity to the Masonic Institutions with which he was connected showed the quality of the man.

He was made a Mason in 1866, in Fraternal Lodge, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1893. He was one of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund from its establishment until his death. He served as Proxy to the Grand Lodge for many years. Also served as associate member of the Board of Masonic Relief from the establishment of that Board until his death. Was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the then Twenty-eighth Masonic District by Most Worshipful Edwin B. Holmes, and served for the year 1895. He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the Annual Communication, December, 1916, and served for the year 1917. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, November 11, 1886, in Orient Royal Arch Chapter, and served as High Priest in 1891 and 1892. He was elected Grand Scribe in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts for the year 1908.

He received the Order of Knighthood in Sutton Commandery, No. 16, New Bedford, in the spring of 1904, and was a member of that Commandery. Also a member of New

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Bedford Council of Royal and Select Masters. In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he attained the 32d degree in 1912, and was a member of Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, Giles F. Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem, Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix and Massachusetts Consistory.

As a man, citizen and Mason, his is an example to emulate, and to have known and associated with him was a privilege, as well as an inspiration to nobler thoughts and deeds.

Whereas, "The Grand Architect of the Universe" has, in his divine wisdom and mercy, released to immortal life and happiness our well-beloved Companion, Edward Lewis Chase, be it resolved that while humbly bowing to the Divine Will, we are profoundly sensible of the loss of a dear friend and associate, whose life among us has been filled to overflowing with his love for humanity, and by his numberless acts of kindness, charity and benevolence.

A loyal, God-fearing man and Royal Arch Mason has reached the end of a well-spent life, and has gone to meet his Maker.

May his soul rest in peace.

ARTHUR G. GUYER.
ALEXANDER T. STUART.
CLARENCE M. CHASE.

Accepted for record.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from R.·. E.·. Francis L. Mitchell, the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, expressing the fraternal greetings and felicitations of that Grand Chapter.

The members of the Grand Chapter were favored with a very instructive and interesting address by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, on a journey through Holland, appreciation of it being manifested by a unanimous rising vote of thanks.

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After prayer by Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing "Old Hundred," the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 8.45 o'clock.

A true record.

Frederick T. Comee
Grand Secretary.

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QUARTERLY CONVOCATION

JUNE 8, 1920

A Regular Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, June 8, 1920.

ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock P.M., and after prayer by Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, and singing, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

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M.·. E.·. EUGENE A. HOLTON . .	Grand Treasurer			
M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary			
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·.	Dist.		1
R.·. E.·. FRANK W. PALMER . .	"	"	"	2
R.·. E.·. CLARENCE A. BRODEUR .	"	"	"	5
R.·. E.·. DWIGHT M. BILLINGS .	"	"	"	6
R.·. E.·. FRED HOBBS	"	"	"	8
R.·. E.·. BENJAMIN W. CLEMENTS	"	"	"	9
R.·. E.·. CHARLES E. A. ROSS . .	"	"	"	13
R.·. E.·. MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER .	"	"	"	15
E.·. REV. R. PERRY BUSH, D.D.	Grand Chaplain			
E.·. REV. PAUL STERLING . .	"	"		
E.·. REV. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain			
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	Grand Lecturer			
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host			
E.·. ELMER C. READ . . .	Grand R.·. A.·. Captain			

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E.·. Edgar O. Dewey . . . Grand Master Third Veil
E.·. Albert R. Bacon . . . " " Second "
E.·. Harry M. Jones . . . " " First "
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M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . . " " " "
R.·. E.·. James S. Blake . . . Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. Olin D. Dickerman . . " " " " "
R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman . . . " " " " "
R.·. E.·. Daniel L. Brownell . Past Grand King
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . . Past Grand Scribe
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . " " "

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram
Amity
Bethsaida
Cambridge
Crescent*
Concord
Dorchester
Evening Star*
Eureka
Harmony
Hebron
Houghton
Isle of the Sea*
Joseph Warren*
Keystone
King Solomon*
Menotomy
Miller
Morning Star
Mt. Holyoke
Mt. Horeb
Mt. Sinai
Mt. Vernon
Mt. Wollaston
Mt. Zion
Mystic
Newton
Norfolk
Old Colony
Orient
Parker
Pentalpha
Pilgrim
Satucket
St. Andrew's
St. Mark's
St. Matthew's
St. Paul's
St. Stephen's
Shekinah
Signet
Somerville
Sutton
Sylvester Baxter
Tabernacle
Thomas*
Trinity
Unity
Vineyard
Walden
Waltham
Wareham
Washington
Waverly
William Ferson
Winthrop

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GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Arkansas	Kansas	Oklahoma
British Columbia	Maine	Oregon
Canada	Mississippi	Pennsylvania
Connecticut	Missouri	South Carolina
District of Columbia	North Carolina	Virginia
Illinois	North Dakota	Wisconsin

RECORD

The record of the Quarterly Convocation, March 9, 1920, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter,
Boston, Mass., June 8, 1920.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

Your Committee on Charters and By-Laws have examined the several amendments presented, and submit the following report:

DORCHESTER ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Amendment to Article V, Section 1, adopted April 20, 1920, providing that the form of application should be that prescribed by the Grand Constitution. Approval recommended.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE TABERNACLE

Amendment to Article I, Section 5, adopted April 22, 1920, increasing compensation of Secretary from $150.00 to $200.00. Approval recommended.

NEWTON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Amendment to Article I, Section 13, adopted March 16, 1920, changing life membership fee from $50.00 to $75.00. Approval recommended, with the omission of the last two words, "as dues," which seem unnecessary and misleading, as the Article refers to life membership fee and not to dues.

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Amendment to Article I, Section 9, changing fee for affiliation from $5.00 to $10.00. Approval recommended, but the requirement in this section, "the Companions exalted in the Chapter shall sign the by-laws within three months of their exaltation to be entitled to membership," is incorrect, as it conflicts with the Digest of Capitular Law, page 42, Grand Constitution, which provides that a Royal Arch Mason exalted in a Chapter becomes *ipso facto* a member thereof, etc. This section should be removed.

HARMONY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Amendment to Section 1, Article V, adopted May 13, 1920, making fee for degrees $40.00. Approval recommended, but that section of the amendment providing that part of the fee should be deposited with the application and the balance paid before receiving the Mark Degree, should not be approved, as it is contrary to provision of the Grand Constitution, Article XII, page 13, which requires that the entire fee shall be paid before ballot.

Amendment to Section 3, Article V, making annual dues $3.00. Approval recommended.

MT. ZION ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Amendment to Article VII, Section 2, changing annual dues from $2.00 to $3.00. Approval recommended. But the provision of this section regarding forfeiture of membership for nonpayment of dues, does not appear to be in conformity to the Grand Constitution, and should be corrected.

WAVERLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Amendment to Article II, Section 2, adopted June 3, 1920, changing compensation of Secretary to exemption from dues, and fifty (50) cents per capita of membership. Approval recommended.

Amendment to Article VI, Section 1, providing that all money in excess of $400.00, instead of $200.00, in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the year, should be transferred to the permanent fund. Approval recommended.

ST. MARK'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Amendment to Article X, Section 1, changing fee to $50.00. Approval recommended. But so much of this amendment as allows a partial payment of the fee with the application, the balance to be paid later, should NOT be approved, as it is contrary to Grand Constitutions, Article XII, page 13.

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Amendment to Article X, Section 2, changing dues from $3.00 to $4.00. Approval recommended.

Amendment to Article VII, Section 1, changing affiliation fee from $5.00 to $10.00. Approval recommended.

Amendment to Article XVI, Section 1, making life membership fee fifteen (15) times annual dues. Approval recommended.

AMITY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Full code of by-laws. Owing to events which have prevented the Committee holding a meeting to discuss these by-laws, we would respectfully request further time for their consideration.

ST. ELMO ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Amendment to Article III, Section 2, making Secretary's compensation $2.00 for each convocation attended.

Amendment to Article III, Section 2, making compensation of Tyler $2.00 for each convocation attended.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 2, making fee for degrees $35.00.

Amendment to Article VI, Section 1, making annual dues $3.00.

Amendment to Article VI, Section 4, making life membership fee $45.00. Approval recommended.

Your Committee again begs to remind the members of the Grand Chapter that the principal reason for not recommending approval of many amendments is because of their direct conflict with provisions of the Grand Constitutions, and we urge that the High Priests of the Chapters make it their special duty to see that committees on proposed amendments carefully compare them with the Grand Constitution to see that they are in accordance therewith, thereby saving delay in their approval by the Grand Chapter, and in many cases, where it applies to dues and fees, a possible financial loss.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER R. P. BARKER,
For the Committee.

Accepted and recommendations adopted.

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COMMITTEE ON SWAMPSCOTT CHAPTER, U.D.

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
BOSTON, June 8, 1920.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

The Committee appointed to examine Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., as to the advisability of granting a charter, beg to submit the following:

We have investigated the affairs of Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., as regards necessary paraphernalia, mode of work, financial and local conditions. The Chapter is properly equipped to confer the various degrees of the Capitular Rite. We find the work as rendered by this Chapter to be conferred in a creditable manner by an efficient corps of officers.

Under date of June 1st there was on deposit to the credit of the Chapter the sum of $1,344.69, with no outstanding obligations. Fifty-four candidates have been exalted during the past year. We find that eighty Royal Arch Masons have signified their intention to become members of this Chapter should a charter be granted and have already made payment of their membership fee.

The Chapter is fortunately situated in a community well provided with good Masonic material and we firmly believe that sufficient work will continue to present itself, thus insuring financial success.

Your Committee, therefore, is of the opinion that Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., is in every way qualified to receive a charter from the Grand Chapter, and we respectfully recommend that the same be granted.

FRANK W. PALMER.
RAYMOND T. SEWALL.
GEORGE W. BLINN.

The report accepted and a charter granted. Swampscott Chapter to be constituted at the convenience of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of a Dispensation and the Institution of Webster Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., at Webster.

He then made congratulatory remarks on the general condition of Capitular Masonry and uniform prosperity

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of the Chapters in this jurisdiction, and particularly called the attention of the officers of our Chapters to the importance of giving their best efforts in rendering the work of the different degrees in the most solemn, dignified and impressive manner. with strict adherence to the official ritual of our Grand Chapter. He referred to the large number of candidates that had come to many Chapters, which in several instances resulted in much inconvenience and fatigue to the officers, with the possibility of causing haste in conferring the degrees, thereby interfering with the proper rendition of the ritual and injuring its effect on the candidates. He thought such a condition suggested the advisability in thickly settled districts of members of a large Chapter uniting to form additional Chapters. Generally speaking, he believed that proportionately more real good was likely to be accomplished in a Chapter of our average membership than in a very large Chapter, and was sure a greater degree of acquaintance, companionship, sociability and mutual Masonic interest could reasonably be expected to exist among the members of a small Chapter than in a very large body.

After briefly alluding to the system of representation between the different Grand Chapters, he requested the Grand Secretary to express his opinion on the subject. The Grand Secretary stated that while the commissions of the Representatives between this and many other Grand Chapters expire with the close of the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, so far as he was aware, little or no attention whatever was paid to that provision; and as it has not been customary to issue new commissions after each Triennial Convocation, he considered it better to omit that limitation and have the appointments of the Representatives made to continue during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest. He thought the present system of representation of no value beyond giving some fifty Companions the pleasure of seeing their names printed as

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Representatives of a Grand Chapter, and that generally no attention whatever was given to the supposed duties of the appointment. He acknowledged his own neglect in that while he had been a Representative of a Grand Chapter for many years, the only communication he had ever forwarded to that Grand Chapter, and the only duty he had performed as such, was the acknowledgment of the receipt of his commission; that the same neglect existed elsewhere was evidenced from the fact that of the full number of Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, communications are received from only one of them. While he failed to see any benefit in the system as it exists at this time, he did not care to make any motion regarding the matter, but had simply endeavored to comply with the request of the Grand High Priest.

On motion of M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, consideration of Grand Representation was referred to a committee, and subsequently the following Companions were appointed for that purpose:

M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis.
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard.
E.·. Herbert A. Rhoades.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from R.·. E.·. Francis L. Mitchell, the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, expressing the congratulations and continued cordial and fraternal greetings of that Grand Chapter.

After prayer by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing "Old Hundred," the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 7.55 o'clock, and the Companions repaired to the banquet hall, where a bountiful dinner was served.

At the completion of the dinner, Rev. McIliar Hamilton Lichliter delivered an eloquent and interesting address, which was very closely followed and often interrupted by hearty applause. His theme was "The Rejected Stone,"

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and the Companions privileged to hear it were indeed fortunate in that privilege, and went to their homes with a strong desire to again listen to an address from the Reverend Companion, who has recently come to our State. His coming is indeed our gain, but a loss to another Jurisdiction.

A true record.

Attest:

Frederick T. Conner

Grand Secretary.

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SPECIAL CONVOCATION

JUNE 29, 1920

A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Swampscott, June 29, A.D. 1920, for the constitution of Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter, the following officers and members being present:

M.·. E.·. J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. LORENZO L. GREEN . .	Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. FRANK S. ELLIOTT . .	Grand King
R.·. E.·. ALBERT E. WEBSTER . .	Grand Scribe
M.·. E.·. EUGENE A. HOLTON . .	Grand Treasurer
M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary
M.·. E.·. FRANK W. PALMER . .	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. 2d Dist.
R.·. E.·. LOUIS S. CLEAVES . .	" " 7th "
E.·. REV. PAUL STERLING . .	Grand Chaplain
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	Grand Lecturer
E.·. GEORGE W. BLINN . .	" "
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host
E.·. ELMER C. READ . . .	Grand Royal Arch Captain
E.·. EDGAR O. DEWEY . . .	Grand Master Third Veil
E.·. HARRY M. JONES . . .	" " First "
COMP. JOSIAH T. DYER . . .	Grand Tyler
E.·. WALTER E. WELD . . .	H.·. P.·. Mt. Wollaston Chapter
COMP. EDGAR L. DEFOREST . .	Scribe of Mt. Wollaston Chapter

Under escort of a committee, the Grand High Priest was conducted into the Chapter Hall and received by Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., with the honors due his office and a most cordial personal greeting. He immediately assumed the East and requested the Grand Officers to occupy their respective stations. Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, and Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter was duly constituted in full form, the dedi-

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cation being by Rev. Comp.·. Sterling, who also delivered an able and eloquent address, which was very interesting and contained suggestions that will long remain in the minds of the Companions who heard it.

The Excellent High Priest was installed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John J. Van Valkenburgh, the King and Scribe by the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Lorenzo L. Green, and the remaining officers by Excellent George W. Blinn, Grand Lecturer. The Charge to the Chapter was given by Excellent Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer, and the customary proclamations made. The Grand Chapter was then escorted to an anteroom and declared closed.

A large number of Companions from neighboring towns witnessed the ceremonies of constitution, and expressions of approval of the apartments and the exceptionally pleasant location of the building were generally given.

Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter enters upon its existence as a Chartered Chapter under most favorable conditions, with about one hundred and twenty-five comparatively young, active and earnest members, in a community whose Masonic interest has been clearly manifested by the successful results of former Masonic undertakings, and the Grand Chapter can reasonably feel assured that it will never regret its constitution.

The first officers of the Chapter are:

J. Brinton Bailey	E.·. High Priest
Frank A. Bucknam	King
John E. Moulton	Scribe
Walter W. Johnson	Treasurer
Walter E. Furbush	Secretary
Rev. John Vannevar, D.D.	Chaplain
Harry J. Hatch	Captain of the Host
John A. Holmes	Principal Sojourner
James F. Williams	Royal Arch Captain
George E. Sanford	Master of Third Veil

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ANDREW P. HAYNES	Master of Second Veil
J. STRAWBRIDGE VAN ALEN . . .	Master of First Veil
HARRY K. LOCKWOOD	Senior Steward
ROY S. BISHOP	Junior Steward
J. HENRY PAIGE	Organist
EDWARD L. JACKSON	Tyler

A true record.

Frederick J. Conee

Grand Secretary.

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QUARTERLY CONVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 7, 1920

A Regular Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple. Boston, Tuesday, September 7, 1920.

ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

The entrance of the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock P.M., and after prayer by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. LORENZO L. GREEN . .	Deputy Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. FRANK S. ELLIOTT . .	Grand King	
M.·. E.·. EUGENE A. HOLTON . .	Grand Treasurer	
M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary	
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist.	1
R.·. E.·. FRANK W. PALMER . .	" " "	2
R.·. E.·. CLARENCE A. BRODEUR .	" " "	5
R.·. E.·. DWIGHT M. BILLINGS .	" " "	6
R.·. E.·. LOUIS S. CLEAVES . . .	" " "	7
R.·. E.·. FRED HOBBS	" " "	8
R.·. E.·. HERBERT W. DEAN . .	" " "	10
R.·. E.·. ARTHUR G. GUYER .	" " "	12
R.·. E.·. CHARLES E. A. ROSS . .	" " "	13
E.·. REV. R. PERRY BUSH, D.D.	Grand Chaplain	
E.·. REV. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D., LL. D.,	Grand Chaplain	
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	Grand Lecturer	
E.·. GEORGE W. BLINN . . .	" "	
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host	

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E.·. Elmer C. Read . . .	Grand R. A. Captain
E.·. Edgar O. Dewey . . .	Grand Master Third Veil
E.·. Harry M. Jones . . .	" " First "
E.·. Warren S. Shaw . . .	Grand Steward
Comp. Josiah T. Dyer . . .	Grand Tyler

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Past Grand High Priest
M.·. E.·. J. Albert Blake . . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince . .	" " " "
R.·. E.·. Frank F. Cook . . .	Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. James S. Blake . . .	" " " " " "
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . .	Past Grand Scribe
R.·. E.·. William M. Thorup .	" " "
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. Robert W. Oliver . .	" " "

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram
Amity
Bethsaida
Concord
Crescent
Evening Star*
Harmony
Hebron
Houghton
Ipswich*
Joseph Warren*
Keystone
King Solomon
Menotomy
Morning Star
Mt. Holyoke
Mt. Sinai
Mt. Vernon
Mt. Wollaston
Mt. Zion
Mystic
Newton
Norfolk
Old Colony*
Orient*
Pentalpha
Pilgrim
Reading
St. Andrew's
St. John's
St. Mark's
St. Matthew's
St. Paul's
St. Stephen's
Satucket
Shekinah
Signet
Somerville
Sutton
Swampscott
Sylvester Baxter
Thomas
Unity
Walden
Waltham
Wareham
Washington
Waverly
William Ferson
Winthrop
Woburn
Worcester

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GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Alberta	Missouri	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Ohio	South Carolina
District of Columbia	Oklahoma	South Dakota
Kansas	Oregon	Wisconsin

The Grand High Priest was pleased to announce that Most Excellent Charles C. Homer, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, of Maryland, was in an adjoining apartment, and would make our Grand Chapter a fraternal visit. That the distinguished Companion might be properly received, he appointed the Past Grand High Priests present, with M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince (Grand Master of our Grand Lodge) chairman, a committee to escort M.·. E.·. Companion Homer to the East of the Grand Chapter.

The committee performed the duty assigned to them, and our Grand High Priest, in a very cordial and fraternal manner, expressed his personal and official greeting to M.·. E.·. Companion Homer, and through him the sincere congratulations and best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts to the Grand Chapter of Maryland, which received a very pleasing and appropriate response.

RECORD

The record of the Quarterly Convocation, June 8, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter,
Boston, Mass., September 7, 1920.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

Your Committee on Charters and By-Laws have examined the several amendments presented and submit the following report:

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FALL RIVER R.·. A.·. CHAPTER

Amendment to Article VI, Section 1, adopted January 13, 1919, providing an increase in dues to $3.00.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 8, adopted January 13, 1919, providing an increase in the fee for Life Membership to $45.00.

We recommend approval.

NORTH STAR R.·. A.·. CHAPTER

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1, adopted March 8, 1920, providing an increase in dues to $4.00.

Approval recommended.

KING SOLOMON R.·. A.·. CHAPTER

Amendment to Article VII, Section 1, adopted May 18, 1920, providing an increase in the fee for the degrees to $30.00.

Amendment to Article VII, Section 4, adopted May 18, 1920, providing an increase in dues to $2.00.

Amendment to Article VII, Section 7, adopted May 18, 1920, providing an increase in the fee for Life Membership to $40.00.

Approval recommended.

SWAMPSCOTT R.·. A.·. CHAPTER

A complete code of by-laws.

This Chapter was constituted June 29, 1920. This is their original code of by-laws.

Approval recommended.

Amendments have been received from Woburn R.·. A.·. Chapter and Amity R.·. A.·. Chapter, which upon examination were found to conflict with the Grand Chapter Regulations and have been referred back to these Chapters for revision.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE E. AMES,
GARDNER R. P. BARKER,
Committee on Charters and By-Laws.

The report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

The Grand Secretary read a petition from eight Companions living in Dedham, asking, on account of the discontinuance of trolley service between Dedham and Hyde Park, that Hebron Chapter of Norwood be given concurrent

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jurisdiction with Norfolk Chapter of Hyde Park over Dedham.

On motion duly made, the petition was received, to be referred to a committee, and subsequently the following committee was appointed:

R.·. E.·. Lorenzo L. Green, *Chairman.*
E.·. Edward A. Rolland.
E.·. Robert D. McLeod.

The Grand Secretary stated that as very few copies of the Grand Constitution and Regulations, edition of 1913, were left, it might be advisable to consider the issue of a new edition, and moved the appointment of a committee to carefully examine the Grand Chapter Regulations and make such suggestions for amendments or additions as may be considered advisable. Committee: the Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from R.·. E.·. Francis L. Mitchell, the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, expressing the congratulations and cordial greetings of that Grand Body.

The Grand High Priest called the attention of the Companions to the approaching annual elections of officers in the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and expressed the hope that all new officers would properly and thoroughly prepare themselves for their new duties. He particularly desired that the High Priests of our Chapters should be familiar with the duties of every officer of the Chapter, and use his best efforts to have each one of them perfect in ritual, dignified and impressive in its delivery. As an assistance, especially to new officers, he recommended that High Priests arrange for a visit from one of the Grand Lecturers, that the officers may obtain any information or suggestions that may be necessary to enable them to commence the work of the new year *right.*

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The Grand High Priest mentioned the illness of Past Grand High Priests M.·. E.·. Smith B. Harrington and M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, and it was voted that a floral expression of regard and affection from the Grand Chapter be sent each of them.

After singing "Old Hundred," the Companions listened to a prayer by Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., and the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 7.55 o'clock. The Grand High Priest then presented R.·. E.·. Clarence A. Brodeur, D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. for the Fifth District and principal of the State Normal School at Westfield, who delivered a very able and interesting address, his theme being "Dreams and Visions." M.·. E.·. Companion Prince, feeling that the eloquent address "struck a note that would be an inspiration to the Companions present," moved a rising vote of thanks to R.·. E.·. Companion Brodeur, which was heartily given.

At 8.45 o'clock the Companions repaired to the banquet hall, where dinner was served and social intercourse enjoyed.

A true record.

Frederick T. Conee

Grand Secretary.

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION

DECEMBER 7, 1920

The one hundred twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, December 7, 1920.

MORNING SESSION

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was announced at 9.30 o'clock, and the Grand Chapter was opened for the Annual Exemplification of the work and lectures of the Capitular Degrees, Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, officiating at the Altar.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. LORENZO L. GREEN . .	Deputy Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. ALBERT E. WEBSTER . .	Grand Scribe	
M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary	
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist	1
R.·. E.·. FRANK W. PALMER . .	" " "	2
R.·. E.·. CLARENCE A. BRODEUR .	" " "	5
R.·. E.·. DWIGHT M. BILLINGS .	" " "	6
R.·. E.·. LOUIS S. CLEAVES . . .	" " "	7
R.·. E.·. HERBERT W. DEAN . .	" " "	10
R.·. E.·. FRED A. YOUNG . . .	" " "	11
R.·. E.·. EDWARD J. ELLIS . . .	" " "	14
E.·. REV. PAUL STERLING . .	Grand Chaplain	
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	Grand Lecturer	
E.·. GEORGE W. BLINN . . .	" "	
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host	
COMP. JOSIAH T. DYER . . .	Grand Tyler	

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PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Past Grand High Priest
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	" " " "
R.·. E.·. Edwin S. Crandon . .	Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. Henry E. Gaylord . .	Past Grand King
R.·. E.·. Eleazer H. Brazer . .	Past Grand Scribe
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. William M. Thorup . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . .	" " "

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram
Amherst
Amity
Bancroft
Berkshire
Bethsaida
Cambridge
Clinton
Composite
Concord
Corinthian
Crescent
Dorchester
Doric
Eureka
Fall River
Franklin
Gardner
Hampden
Harmony
Hebron
Houghton
Ipswich
Joseph Warren
Keystone
King Cyrus
King Hiram
King Solomon
Menotomy
Miller
Monument
Morning Star
Mt. Holyoke
Mt. Horeb
Mt. Lebanon
Mt. Vernon
Mt. Wollaston
Mt. Zion
Mystic
Newton
Norfolk
Orient
Parker
Pentalpha
Pentucket*
Pilgrim
Rabboni
Reading
St. Andrew's
St. Elmo
St. John
St. Mark's
St. Matthew's
St. Paul
St. Stephen's
Samoset
Satucket
Shekinah
Signet
Sutton
Swampscott
Sylvester Baxter
Tabernacle
Thomas
Trinity
Union
Unity
Vineyard
Walden
Waltham
Wareham
Washington
Waverly
William Ferson
Winthrop
Woburn
Worcester

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GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

District of Columbia	Nevada	Oklahoma
Georgia	New Zealand	Pennsylvania
Kansas	North Dakota	Wisconsin

The Grand High Priest requested E.·. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer, to assume the East and proceed with the Exemplification of the Degrees. E.·. Companion Sewall, on assuming the East, expressed his pleasure in seeing so large an attendance at such an early hour, and requested the officers for the Mark Degree to assume their stations.

The work and lectures of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees were rendered in the morning, and the Royal Arch Degree at the afternoon session. E.·. Companion George W. Blinn, Grand Lecturer, presided in the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees, and E.·. Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer, presided in the Past and Royal Arch Degrees.

ORGANIZATION FOR THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

E.·. Raymond T. Sewall	High Priest
E.·. George W. Blinn	King
E.·. Robert C. Witherell, H.·. P.·. St. Mark's Chapter	Scribe
E.·. John Keays, H.·. P.·. Parker Chapter	Captain of the Host
Comp. D. Henry Childs, King, St. Andrew's Chapter	Principal Sojourner
Comp. Joseph B. Ross, Captain of the Host, Newton Chapter	Royal Arch Captain
E.·. Ralph L. Hastings, H.·. P.·. Walden Chapter	Master Third Veil
Comp. James K. Eaton, Principal Sojourner, Winthrop Chapter	Master Second Veil
E.·. Arthur H. Burdick, H.·. P.·. Concord Chapter	Master First Veil

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COMP. FRANK E. BACON . . . . . Senior Steward
St. Andrew's Chapter
COMP. CHARLES B. WOOD . . . . . Junior Steward
Tyler, St. Andrew's Chapter
COMP. ERNEST L. MAHAFFEY . . . . Organist
Chapter of the Shekinah
COMP. EDWARD J. JACOBS . . . . . Tyler
St. Andrew's Chapter

Three Companions acted as Candidates.

The lectures were given by the following Companions:

Mark Master Mason,
ROBERT C. WITHERELL, St. Mark's Chapter, and
JAMES K. EATON, Winthrop Chapter
Past Master,
RALPH L. HASTINGS, Walden Chapter, and
ARTHUR H. BURDICK, Concord Chapter
Most Excellent Master,
D. HENRY CHILDS, St. Andrew's Chapter, and
RALPH L. HASTINGS, Walden Chapter
Royal Arch,
JOSEPH B. ROSS, Newton Chapter, and
JOHN KEAYS, Parker Chapter

In each lecture the Companion first named interrogated and his associate answered.

The time consumed in rendering the degrees and lectures was as follows:

Mark: One hour and thirty-five minutes.

Past: Twenty-seven minutes.

Most Excellent: One hour.

Royal Arch: Two hours and three minutes.

The exemplifications were completed at 4.50 o'clock.

The close attention of the large number of Companions present and the number of questions answered by the Grand Lecturers plainly indicated the desire of the officers of our Chapters to strictly conform to the official ritual of the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Lecturers and their as-

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sistants are entitled to much credit for their accuracy in the work and lectures and the impressiveness of their delivery.

EVENING SESSION

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock, and the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form for the transaction of the annual business of the Grand Chapter, Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, offering prayer.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. J. J. Van Valkenburgh	Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. Lorenzo L. Green	Deputy Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·.	Grand King	
R.·. E.·. Albert E. Webster	Grand Scribe	
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton	Grand Treasurer	
M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee	Grand Secretary	
R.·. E.·. William M. Farrington	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist.	1
R.·. E.·. Frank W. Palmer	" " "	2
R.·. E.·. Ernest J. Haydon	" " "	3
R.·. E.·. John B. Canfield	" " "	4
R.·. E.·. Dwight M. Billings	" " "	6
R.·. E.·. Herbert W. Dean	" " "	10
R.·. E.·. Charles E. A. Ross	" " "	13
R.·. E.·. Edward J. Ellis	" " "	14
R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger	" " "	15
E.·. Rev. Paul Sterling	Grand Chaplain	
E.·. Raymond T. Sewall	Grand Lecturer	
E.·. George W. Blinn	Grand Lecturer	
E.·. Arthur Twitchell	Grand Captain of the Host	
E.·. Elmer C. Read	Grand Royal Arch Captain	
E.·. Edgar O. Dewey	Grand Master Third Veil	
E.·. Albert R. Bacon	" " Second "	
E.·. Harry M. Jones	" " First "	
Comp. Josiah T. Dyer	Grand Tyler	

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PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Past Grand High Priest
M.·. E.·. Arthur G. Pollard . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. J. Albert Blake . . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis . . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince . .	" " " "
R.·. E.·. Henry S. Bunton . .	Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. Samuel A. Phelps . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Jesse E. Ames . . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. James S. Blake . . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Olin D. Dickerman . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman . . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Daniel L. Brownell .	Past Grand King
R.·. E.·. Charles F. Mann . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. David T. Montague . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. R. Walter Hilliard . .	Past Grand Scribe
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. William M. Thorup .	" " "
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway .	" " "

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram	Hebron	Old Colony
Amherst	Houghton	Orient
Berkshire	Joseph Warren	Pentalpha
Bethsaida	King Cyrus	Pilgrim
Cambridge	King Solomon	St. Andrew's
Composite	Menotomy	St. Elmo
Concord	Miller	St. John's
Corinthian	Monument	St. Mark's
Crescent	Mt. Holyoke	St. Paul's
Dorchester	Mt. Sinai	St. Stephen's
Doric	Mt. Vernon	Samoset
Eureka	Mt. Wollaston	Satucket
Evening Star*	Mt. Zion	Shekinah
Hampden	Norfolk	Signet
Harmony	Northampton	Somerville

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Sutton	Unity	Waverly
Swampscott	Vineyard	William Ferson
Sylvester Baxter	Walden	Winthrop
Tabernacle	Waltham	Woburn
Trinity	Washington	Worcester

GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Arkansas	Mississippi	Oregon
British Columbia	Missouri	Pennsylvania
California	Nebraska	Quebec
Canada	New York	Rhode Island
District of Columbia	North Carolina	South Dakota
Idaho	North Dakota	Tennessee
Illinois	Ohio	Virginia
Kentucky	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Maine		

The following distinguished Companions were separately received and given a cordial welcome by the Grand High Priest:

Rt. Em. Harry G. Pollard, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

M.·. I.·. Dean K. Webster, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts,

M.·. P.·. George A. Newell, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the U. S. A.,

M.·. E.·. Jerome L. Cheney, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York,

M.·. Wor. Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts,

each of whom in appropriate language expressed his personal pleasure in being present and the greetings and felicitations of the body he represented.

The record of the Quarterly Convocation of September 7 was read and approved.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

DEDHAM PETITION

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, December 7, 1920.

To the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest and Members of the Grand Chapter:

The Committee to which was referred the petition of certain Companions of Dedham asking that Hebron Chapter of Norwood be given concurrent jurisdiction over Dedham with Norfolk Chapter of Hyde Park, begs to present the following report:

The petitioners state that the reason for the petition is the inconvenience caused the Companions of Dedham in attending the Convocations of Norfolk Chapter on account of the discontinuance of trolley service between Dedham and Hyde Park; and they state, that, for the same reason, many Brethren of Dedham are unwilling to apply to Norfolk Chapter for the Capitular Degrees.

Although since the winter of 1919 and 1920 considerable inconvenience has undoubtedly been caused by poor transportation facilities, your Committee is credibly informed that the condition is soon to be remedied: that an arrangement has been made or is about to be made by the Boston Elevated and Eastern Massachusetts Railway Companies by which communication by trolley between the two towns will be completely restored. We find furthermore that the operating of a steam train, leaving Dedham in the early evening and returning from Hyde Park in the late evening, relieves the situation to a considerable extent. Your Committee is therefore of the opinion that with the exercise of patience, the Companions of Dedham will soon find conditions of transportation between Dedham and Hyde Park to their entire satisfaction.

It has come to the attention of the Committee that another reason for the petition has been the impression that Norfolk Chapter would not grant to Hebron Chapter releases of jurisdiction over Brethren residing in Dedham. Your Committee believes this impression to be erroneous, for it is informed by the High Priest of Norfolk Chapter that all requests for release from Hebron Chapter for the past three years have been granted, and that he and his council will cheerfully grant any such requests from Hebron Chapter when accompanied by reasons which seem good and sufficient.

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From the information it has been able to obtain and as stated above, your Committee feels that a change in the matter of jurisdiction would be inexpedient at the present time and respectfully recommends that the petition be not granted.

LORENZO L. GREEN,
ROBERT D. MCLEOD,
EDWARD A. ROLLAND,
Committee.

Accepted and recommendation adopted.

HENRY J. MILLS CHAPTER, U.D.

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

BOSTON, December 7, 1920.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

The Committee appointed to examine Henry J. Mills Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., as to the advisability of granting a charter, respectfully submits the following:

Your Committee has made a thorough investigation regarding the affairs of this Chapter, U.D., which we find to be in a prosperous condition.

Henry J. Mills Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., is located in the town of Saugus, which has a population of approximately 11,000. We find it to be an ideal community for Masonic work, and believe sufficient material will present itself to insure the success of the Chapter. We find that forty-two Royal Arch Masons signified their intention of becoming members of this Chapter, and have made payment of their affiliation fees.

Since its institution December 30, 1919, sixty-two candidates have been regularly advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason, sixty-one regularly passed the Chair, sixty have been received and acknowledged Most Excellent Masters, and forty-two have been exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason; three have been elected; ten applications received and referred to Committees; making the prospective membership one hundred and seventeen.

Their apartments are well adapted for the work of the several degrees in the Capitular Rite, and all the necessary arrangements have been made for their proper presentation.

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Your Committee has inspected their mode of work, which was exhibited with commendable accuracy and dignity, reflecting credit on the Chapter and its officers.

Under date of November 19, 1920, this Chapter, U.D., had a deposit in banks amounting to $2,661.38, with no outstanding obligations.

Considerable enthusiasm exists among the petitioners, as is evidenced by the fact that twenty-four Companions have made gifts of cash, and eleven have made gifts of regalia.

Your Committee is therefore of the opinion that Henry J. Mills Chapter, U.D., is in every way duly qualified to receive a charter from this Grand Chapter, and respectfully recommends that the same be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK W. PALMER,
RAYMOND T. SEWALL,
GEORGE W. BLINN,
Committee.

Report received and charter granted, the Chapter to be constituted at the convenience of the Grand High Priest.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

The Committee appointed to consider the proposed new Constitution for the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and report its findings to the Grand Chapter presents the following report:

The proposed Constitution contains so much that is objectionable to every member of your Committee that to undertake to enumerate each item is not advisable. They will, however, call your particular attention to three Sections which show its general purport.

"Section 13. This General Grand Chapter shall have power to decide all questions of Capitular Law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, . . . and its decisions so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial power of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort."

"Section 14. This General Grand Chapter shall have the power to admonish or instruct any constituent Grand Chapter, and may, upon appeal to it by a Grand Chapter of any matter of controversy between such Grand Chapter and any other Grand Chapter or Grand Chapters, act as final arbiter between them."

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"Section 16. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses full and complete authority over the ritual of the several Capitular degrees, also to determine all questions in relation to their exemplification and their proper interpretation."

The present ritual of the General Grand Chapter is the result of very many changes from its original ritual and is quite different from the ritual that for many, many years has been used in this Grand Chapter.

Under the Sections mentioned it appears that the adoption of the proposed Constitution would mean a very radical change from the existing relations between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of the several States, and because of the fundamental assumption of authority over the State Grand Chapters by the General Grand Chapter therein contained, the members of your Committee after careful consideration are unanimously of the opinion the proposed Constitution for the General Grand Chapter should not be adopted, and recommend that this Grand Chapter positively instruct its Representatives to the coming Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter to vote against the adoption of that proposed Constitution as a whole and against any Section thereof that may be separately presented for action, which in the least degree interferes with, restricts or abridges the independence and sovereignty now enjoyed by this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
FREDERICK T. COMEE,
J. ALBERT BLAKE,
WARREN B. ELLIS,
SAMUEL F. HUBBARD,
EUGENE A. HOLTON,
ARTHUR D. PRINCE,
Committee.

Accepted and recommendation adopted by unanimous vote.

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COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

BOSTON, December 7, 1920.

To the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand R.·. A.·. Chapter of Massachusetts:

Your Committee on Charters and By-Laws have examined the several amendments presented and submit the following report:

AMITY R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF BEVERLY

A full Code, revised in accordance with the suggestions of your Committee.

We recommend their approval.

COMPOSITE R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF NORTH ADAMS

Article VIII, Section 1. Increasing the dues from $3.00 to $4.00.

Article VIII, Section 4. Increasing the Life Membership from $45.00 to $60.00.

We recommend their approval.

HEBRON R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF NORWOOD

Article I, Section 3. Omitting the stated hour of the Convocation as 7.45 P.M.

We recommend the approval of this By-Law as changed.

HAMPDEN R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF PALMER

Article VI, Section 1. Increasing dues from $2.00 to $5.00.

Article VII, Section 5. Increasing fee for the degrees from $25.00 to $30.00.

We recommend approval of these amendments.

NEWTON R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF NEWTON

A full Code which is in conformity to the Grand Chapter Constitution, and which we recommend for approval.

PENTUCKET R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF HAVERHILL

Article VI, Section 1. Increasing the fee for the degrees from $40.00 to $50.00.

Article VI, Section 2. Increasing the fee for the fifth degree from $6.00 to $8.00; for the sixth degree from $10.00 to $14.00; for the seventh degree from $14.00 to $18.00.

We recommend the amendments for approval.

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THOMAS R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF FITCHBURG

Article IV, Section 3. Increasing the salary of the Secretary to $100.00.

Article VII, Section 2. Increasing the fee for the degrees to $50.00.

Article VIII, Section 1. Increasing the annual dues to $5.00.

Article VIII, Section 4. Increasing the Life Membership to $75.00.

We recommend approval of these amendments.

PARKER R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF NATICK

Amending inscription on seal of the Chapter by substituting the word *Instituted* in place of the word *Chartered.*

We recommend for approval.

FALL RIVER R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF FALL RIVER

Amendment to Article III, Section 3. Increasing salary of Secretary to $200.00 per annum.

We recommend for approval.

WOBURN R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF WOBURN

Amendment to Article III, Section 1. Increasing the fee for the degrees from $35.00 to $50.00.

Amendment to Article III, Section 3. Increasing the Annual Dues from $4.00 to $5.00.

Amendment to Article III, Section 4. Increasing the fee for Life Membership from $40.00 to $50.00.

We recommend for approval.

MENOTOMY R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF ARLINGTON

A full Code of By-Laws submitted, which, with the following exceptions, we recommend for approval:

Exceptions: Article I, Section 2, is in conflict with the Grand Constitution and we suggest it be omitted entirely from their By-Laws, as the matter is fully covered in the Particular Regulations of the Grand R.·. A.·. Chapter.

Article V, Section 1, is in conflict with the Grand Chapter Regulations and must be revised.

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Article V, Section 5, is also not in conformity with the Grand Chapter and should be worded differently.

Article V, Section 6, should also be revised to conform to Grand Chapter regulations.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE E. AMES,
DEAN K. WEBSTER,
GARDNER R. P. BARKER,
Committee on Charters and By-Laws.

Accepted and recommendations adopted.

ANNUAL REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

IN GRAND R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, December 7, 1920.

The Committee on Returns respectfully report that they have compared the abstract furnished by the Grand Secretary with the returns of the several Chapters, and find the following results:

Membership report last year			28,037
Less corrections by Secretaries			25
			28,012
Exaltations to August 31, 1920	3,850		
Affiliations and reinstatements	341	4,191	
			32,203
Dismissions		190	
Suspensions		123	
Deaths		445	758
August 31, 1920, Membership			31,445
Net Gain			3,433
The receipts have been			
3,900 Candidates "Marked"		$19,500.00	
Per Capita and Fees		3,672.50	
			$23,172.50

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID T. MONTAGUE,
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
GEORGE A. CHISHOLM,
Committee.

Report accepted.

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GRAND SECRETARY

IN GRAND CHAPTER, December 7, 1920.

This Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on having received its full share of the general Masonic prosperity that has prevailed over the entire country during the past year and given the Grand Masonic Bodies unprecedented numerical and financial increases. Its participation in that prosperity is numerically shown in the report of the Committee on Returns and financially in the following:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

1919	Balance	$110.14	
	Dimit Blanks	7.00	
	Supplies	528.21	
	Dispensations and Penalties	295.00	
	Traveling Certificates	639.00	
	Fees and Per Capita	3,672.50	
	Candidates	19,500.00	
			$24,751.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Treasurer	$23,500.00	
Stenographer, Postage and Incidentals	713.83	
Cash forward	538.02	
		$24,751.85

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK T. COMEE,
Grand Secretary.

Accepted.

GRAND TREASURER

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, December 7, 1920.

RECEIPTS

Balance December 10, 1919	$11,543.55	
Grand Council, R.·. and S.·. M.·., Rent, etc.	219.60	
Interest	2,498.77	
Discount on Government Bonds	1,851.60	
Refund on Comp. Saunders	122.75	
Grand Secretary	23,500.00	
Total		$39,736.27

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	Forward	$39,736.27
The payments have been:		
Printing Proceedings	$928.52	
Printing and Postage	519.32	
Binding	234.25	
Plate Printing	898.38	
Engrossing	66.25	
Exemplifications	188.43	
Collations and Entertainment	952.70	
Music	30.00	
Salaries, Grand Secretary	1,200.00	
Grand Treasurer	200.00	
Grand Lecturers	425.00	
Charity	300.00	
Rent and Light	906.08	
Flowers	28.00	
Telephone	68.50	
Expenses of Grand High Priest	56.84	
Expenses of District Deputy Grand High Priests	66.92	
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	10.00	
Traveling Card Cases	315.70	
Insurance	34.50	
General Grand Chapter Returns	280.37	
Regalia and Repairs	15.00	
Grand Chapter Seal	21.56	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	200.00	
U. S. Liberty Bonds	14,107.56	
Deposits in Savings Banks	1,680.17	
Cash on Hand	16,002.22	
Total		$39,736.27

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE A. HOLTON,

Grand Treasurer.

Accepted.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, December 7, 1920.

Deposited in

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, Book No.		281098	$3,590.00
Home	"	" 94470	2,082.91
Franklin	"	" 63957	2,432.27
Wildey	"	" 18575	210.28
Boston Penny	"	" 58609	1,385.57
North End	"	" 27988	2,108.48
Medford	"	" 9005	2,664.37
Warren Institution	"	" 75959	1,927.18
Charlestown Five Cents	"	" 58974	2,061.40
Waltham	"	" 43642	3,426.71
Mechanics, Lowell	"	" 32847	2,970.10
Eliot	"	" 53333	1,777.83
Belmont	"	" 2496	1,019.64
Provident Institution	"	" 89035B	2,040.01
Roxbury "	"	" 95446	1,811.39
Brockton	"	" 52447	1,564.78
Central, Lowell	"	" 40034	1,553.24
Taunton	"	" 37495	1,168.63
Essex, Lawrence	"	" 182544	1,212.33
U. S. Liberty Bonds			19,000.00
Other Securities			7,000.00
Total			$63,007.12

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE A. HOLTON,
ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
CHARLES F. MASON,
Trustees.

GEORGE M. RICE FUND

Amount of Fund December 10, 1919	$1,012.64
Attleboro Savings Bank, Interest to October, 1920 . .	50.00
	$1,062.64

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Deposited in

Attleboro Savings Bank	$1,006.26	
Cash on hand	56.38	
		$1,062.64

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE A. HOLTON,
ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
CHARLES F. MASON,
Trustees.

Accepted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, December 7, 1920.

M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest:

The Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer for the period, December 1, 1919, to December 1, 1920, and find them correct and accompanied by proper vouchers.

The detailed reports covering this period which they have submitted have also been verified by us. They show a balance of $538.02 in the hands of the Secretary, and a balance of $16,002.22 in the hands of the Treasurer. The Invested Funds, detail of which has been presented to you in the Trustees' Report, show a total of $63,007.12 in the Invested Fund, and $1,062.64 in the George M. Rice Fund.

These balances have been verified and the securities enumerated have all been in the possession of your Committee, duly examined and returned to the Treasurer on December 3, 1920.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE E. AMES.
EDWARD O. HATCH.
OSCAR STORER.

The Auditing Committee verbally recommended that the annual salary of the Grand Secretary be increased three hundred dollars.

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

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On motion of M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, one hundred dollars was appropriated to the widow of a Past Grand High Priest.

On motion duly seconded it was voted to appropriate five hundred dollars to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to be added to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Fund for the Masonic Home, and until otherwise ordered the same amount be appropriated annually for that purpose.

On motion of M.·. E.·. Arthur G. Pollard it was voted that the representation of this Grand Chapter to the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter consist of the first four Grand Officers and all Past Grand High Priests, and that a sufficient sum be appropriated to cover the expense of that representation.

Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts took occasion to present Henry Price Medals to M.·. E.·. Jerome L. Cheney, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, and M.·. P.·. George A. Newell, Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the U.S.A.

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ADDRESS OF JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH

GRAND HIGH PRIEST

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS:

In the several visits to Chapters I have made during the past year, the first words addressed to me from the East have been those of welcome. It seems therefore eminently fitting and proper that in return for the honors conferred, I should now indulge in the pleasure of extending to you one and all a cordial and fraternal welcome to this our One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter; congratulate you on the success that has attended your efforts during the year and express my gratification that so many Companions are present to confer together for the promotion of the best interests of Capitular Masonry throughout the whole jurisdiction.

These words I now most heartily offer you, Companions, and assure you that such advice and council as you may give pertaining to the good of the Order will be gladly received and carefully considered.

It is my privilege and pleasure to inform you that while the same scrupulous care is apparently being exercised in the selection and acceptance of candidates, increased enthusiasm on the part of the Companions has been instrumental in causing large accessions in Chapter membership—a growth much more marked than that of any previous year. But best of all, Companions, loyalty, peace, harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the whole Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

The numerical changes that have taken place during the past year are as follows:

Membership August 31, 1919, as corrected by Secretaries		28,012
Exaltations		3,850
Affiliated and reinstated		341
Total		32,203
Deduct from this balance the number		
Demitted	190	
Suspended	123	
Deceased	445	
		758

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Total membership August 31, 1920	31,445
A net gain of	3,433
Last year the net gain was	1,212

While our membership has largely increased and we congratulate ourselves on the success and prosperity which attend our Order, and while we are thankful we can announce that during the year the hand of the Destroyer has been stayed among the Grand Officers and Permanent Members of this Grand Chapter, we regret to inform you that many of our loved companions have passed away.

"We can say of each of these Companions
Thou hast but taken thy lamp and gone to bed:
I stay a little longer as one stays
To cover up the embers that still burn;
Say not Good Night, but in some brighter clime
Bid me Good Morning."

A number of distinguished Companions, Past Grand High Priests of other Grand Jurisdictions, have been called to eternal rest.

Basil M. Hill	Alabama	May 16, 1920
Andrew Roger Dickson	Alberta	July 11, 1920
William Monroe Petrie	California	May 10, 1919
Henry Banks (General Grand Captain of the Host)	Georgia	June 3, 1920
Joseph Edward Dyas (Past General Grand High Priest)	Illinois	September 2, 1920
Calvin W. Prather	Indiana	August 1, 1920
Francis Hanmer Loring	Iowa	May 6, 1920
Clifford J. Pattee	Maine	December 8, 1919
George Hill, Jr.	Michigan	October 3, 1920
Martin Toner Balsey	Missouri	March 9, 1920
Arthur Middleton Hough	Missouri	July 3, 1920
Xenophon Ryland	Missouri	October 1, 1920
Seymour H. Stone	New York	January 1, 1920
Marshall F. Hemingway	New York	May 3, 1920
William A. Reiter	Ohio	October 5, 1920
Isham Hamilton Goss Hulme	Oklahoma	August 7, 1920
Frederick Greenwood	Virginia	January 23, 1920

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Kephart Delwar Walker	West Virginia	September 11, 1919
Harry Loyal Broh	West Virginia	March 1, 1920

"Nor can the bravest mortal blame the tear
Which glitters on the bier of fallen worth."

FRATERNAL VISITS

December 18, 1919 — On invitation of T.·. I.·. M.·. Harry H. Williams of Brockton, Council Royal and Select Masters, I attended a Reception accorded Most Illustrious Wallace Cushing Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts. Those who accompanied me were R.·. E.·. Frank S. Elliott, Grand King; M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard; R.·. E.·. Frank W. Palmer, D.D.G.H.P., Second District, and Excellent Companions Rev. R. Perry Bush, Grand Chaplain, and Joseph T. Paul, Acting Grand Captain of the Host.

December 20 — Visited Saugus and inspected the apartments to be occupied by the proposed Henry J. Mills Chapter.

December 22 — Visited Webster and inspected the apartments to be occupied by the proposed Webster Chapter.

January 12, 1920 — On invitation of E.·. Companion Robert C. Witherell, High Priest, I visited Saint Mark's Royal Arch Chapter of Taunton and witnessed the work of the Most Excellent Degree as rendered by the Past High Priests of the Chapter. I was accompanied by M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard, R.·. E.·. Companions Ernest J. Haydon and William M. Farrington, E.·. Companion Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, and E.·. Companions Walter E. Russell, William J. Turnbull and William R. Garthly.

January 14 — I attended a Reception given by William North Lodge, A.F.&A.M., to Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts.

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January 31 — Attended an Exemplification in the Eighth District held in Melrose.
I was formally received by R.·. E.·. Fred Hobbs, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
The work was under the direction of Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

February 20 — On invitation of Excellent Companion Walter E. Weld, High Priest, a fraternal visit was paid Mount Wollaston Royal Arch Chapter. I was accompanied by R.·. E.·. Frank S. Elliott, Grand King; M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary; M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard; Most Worshipful Leon M. Abbott, Past Grand Master; R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger, D.D.G.H.P. of the Fifteenth District; E.·. Companion Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, and Excellent Companions Charles E. Lawrence and Edward A. Rolland.

March 2 — An invitation was extended to the Grand High Priest to attend the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Tyrian Lodge, A.F.&A.M., of Gloucester.
As it was not possible for me to be present on that occasion, the Grand Chapter was represented by R.·. E.·. Frank S. Elliott, Grand King.

March 6 — Attended an exemplification in the Fifteenth District held in Cambridge. I was formally received by R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

March 13 — Attended an exemplification in the Thirteenth District held in Framingham and was formally received by R.·. E.·. Charles E. A. Ross, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

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March 19 — Attended an exemplification in the Second District held in Salem and was formally received by R.·. E.·. Frank W. Palmer, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion George W. Blinn, Grand Lecturer.

March 20 — Attended an exemplification in the Fourteenth District held in Hyde Park. I was received by R.·. E.·. Edward J. Ellis, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

March 27 — Attended an exemplification in the Eleventh District held in Fitchburg and was formally received by R.·. E.·. Fred A. Young, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

April 3 — Attended an exemplification in the First District held in Dorchester and was formally received by R.·. E.·. William M. Farrington, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

April 24 — Attended an exemplification in the Fourth District held in Worcester. I was received by R.·. E.·. John B. Canfield, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

April 29 — On invitation of Em. Sir Henry C. Dexter, President, I was a guest of The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Commanders.
There were also present as guests, Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of

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Masons in Massachusetts, Most Illustrious Wallace C. Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Right Eminent Sir Everett C. Benton, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

May 1 — Attended an exemplification in the Seventh District held in Quincy. I was received by R.·. E.·. Louis S. Cleaves, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
Excellent Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

May 5 — On invitation of Excellent Charles E. Lawrence, High Priest, I attended a convocation of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter. I was accompanied by R.·. E.·. Lorenzo L. Green, Deputy Grand High Priest, M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard, R.·. E.·. William M. Farrington, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Excellent Companions Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer, Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, Elmer C. Read, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Willie W. Norcross and Stanley A. Sparrow.

May 12 — On invitation of Excellent G. Sidney Macfarlane, High Priest, I attended a convocation of Henry J. Mills Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., of Saugus, and witnessed the conferring of the Most Excellent Degree upon forty-five Brethren.
Those who accompanied me were R.·. E.·. Frank W. Palmer, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Excellent Companions Raymond T. Sewall and George W. Blinn, Grand Lecturers, Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, and Joseph G. Wright.

May 18 — I was the guest of Norfolk Royal Arch Chapter, Excellent Edward A. Rolland, High Priest, on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary.

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Accompanying me were M.˙. E.˙. Eugene A. Holton, Grand Treasurer, M.˙. E.˙. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary, M.˙. E.˙. Samuel F. Hubbard, M.˙. W.˙. Leon M. Abbott, Past Grand Master, R.˙. E.˙. Edward J. Ellis, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Excellent Companions Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL. D., Grand Chaplain, Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, Edward E. Gage, George R. Ellis and Robert R. McLeod.

May 27 and 28 — On invitation of Right Eminent Sir Everett C. Benton, Grand Commander, I was the guest of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island on the occasion of its Semi-Annual Conclave in Providence, Rhode Island.

June 7 — On invitation of Excellent John Taylor, High Priest, I was present on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Pentalpha Royal Arch Chapter. I was attended by Excellent Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host.

June 16 — On invitation of Worshipful Brother Herbert L. Trull, Master of William North Lodge, A.F.&A.M., of Lowell, I was present at a special meeting of the Lodge, the occasion being the presentation of a portrait of Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master, to the Lowell Masonic Association by the Masons of Lowell.

June 26 — A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened in Swampscott for the purpose of constituting Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter, Excellent J. Brinton Bailey, High Priest. Following the constitution of the Chapter the Grand High Priest installed the High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest installed the King and Scribe and the remainder of the officers were installed by the Grand Lecturers.

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Accompanying me were R.·. E.·. Companions Lorenzo L. Green, Deputy Grand High Priest, Frank S. Elliott, Grand King, Albert E. Webster, Grand Scribe, M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton, Grand Treasurer, M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary, M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard and R.·. E.·. Companions Frank W. Palmer and Louis S. Cleaves and E.·. Companions Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, Raymond T. Sewall and George W. Blinn, Grand Lecturers, Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, Elmer C. Read, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Edgar O. Dewey, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Harry M. Jones, Grand Master of the First Veil, and Companion Josiah T. Dyer, Grand Tyler.

I am greatly indebted to the Grand Officers who have accompanied me on these visits, and especially to those who have contributed generously by their able and eloquent addresses towards making the visits interesting and successful.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

A Dispensation has been given to each one of the fifteen District Deputy Grand High Priests to hold a District Grand Chapter of Instruction.

District

1. Dorchester, April 3, R.·. E.·. William M. Farrington.
2. Salem, March 19, R.·. E.·. Frank W. Palmer.
3. New Bedford, February 23, R.·. E.·. Ernest J. Haydon.
4. Worcester, April 24, R.·. E.·. John B. Canfield.
5. Westfield, February 2, R.·. E.·. Clarence A. Brodeur.
6. Amherst, April 10, R.·. E.·. Dwight M. Billings.
7. Quincy, May 1, R.·. E.·. Louis S. Cleaves.
8. Melrose, January 31, R.·. E.·. Fred Hobbs.
9. Haverhill, April 24, R.·. E.·. Benjamin M. Clements.
10. Adams, April 30, R.·. E.·. Herbert W. Dean.
11. Fitchburg, March 27, R.·. E.·. Fred A. Young.
12. Hyannis, April 15, R.·. E.·. Arthur G. Guyer.
13. Framingham, March 13, R.·. E.·. Charles E. A. Ross.

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14. Hyde Park, March 20, R.·. E.·. Edward J. Ellis.
15. Cambridge, March 6, R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger.

The officers of three of the eighty-five Chapters in the jurisdiction failed to attend the exemplifications in the districts in which their Chapters are respectively located. Having learned the reasons for their non-appearance, it was decided that under the circumstances the officers were excusable. Later in the season an opportunity was accorded the officers of each of these Chapters to have a special exemplification in their own rooms, at which they had the pleasure of working two degrees in full.

It is hoped that hereafter there will arise no occasion for an extra exemplification in any District, as it is a large and unnecessary expense for a single Chapter to assume.

From the reports received from the several District Deputies, it is ascertained that the total number in attendance at the exemplifications was thirteen hundred and sixty-seven. The largest number of Companions at an exemplification was one hundred and sixty-nine, at Cambridge in the Fifteenth District.

It has long been the custom for the District Deputy several days before the date of the Exemplification, to assign to each Chapter in his District the particular section of the work he desires it to exemplify on that occasion. Thus an excellent opportunity is afforded the officers of each Chapter of becoming well qualified to obtain a high rating based on their proficiency in exemplifying about one-third of one of the two degrees designated by the Deputy.

Years ago, when candidates were comparatively scarce, it was not strange that officers of some of the Chapters became somewhat original in their ritualistic work. Under the circumstances it was, perhaps, for the best interests of the Order to assign work to the Chapters some time previous to the exemplification.

But now when the Chapters are exalting from twenty to more than two hundred Masons per year it does seem that the officers must necessarily be well posted on the work of all the degrees—certainly on the work of the two degrees they had previously been informed would be exemplified.

This year, therefore, at two or three of the exemplifications, the work was not allotted to the officers of the Chapters until after the opening of the District School of Instruction.

The immediate and most gratifying feature observed was that at the time of opening, practically every one of the officers in the District was present and ready to assume his station, a duty not

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always observed in the past. We believe it to be a move in the right direction, for it shows more clearly to the District Deputy and the Grand Lecturers the real quality of work as generally performed by the officers of the several Chapters. We believe that by this method the officers receive more real benefit than under the prevailing custom of assignment of the parts in advance. Several of the officers participating have also expressed a similar belief.

In order that it may be fully determined whether or not the new method is worthy of general adoption, it is recommended that each District Deputy during the year 1921 defer assigning to his Chapters the parts of the two degrees they are to exemplify until after the opening of the District Grand Chapter of Instruction.

The work of the eighty-five Chapters taking part in the exemplifications was marked by the Grand Lecturers as follows: Perfect, four; Excellent, fifteen; Good, thirty-two; Fair, twenty-six; Poor, eight.

The Chapters marked Perfect are: Parker of Natick, Waverly of Melrose, Winthrop of Winthrop, and Mt. Wollaston of Wollaston.

It is worthy of note that this is the second successive year that Winthrop Chapter has been marked Perfect in its work at an exemplification.

VISITATIONS OF DEPUTIES

Each one of the Chapters has received at least one visitation from its District Deputy.

The total number of Companions present at the Annual Visitations of the Deputies was seven thousand one hundred and ninety-eight.

Following is the name of the Chapter having the largest percentage of its membership present at the Annual Visitation of the Deputy in each of the Capitular Districts:

Mount Vernon, of Roxbury . . .	District No. 1,	13 per cent
Ipswich, of Ipswich	District No. 2,	45 per cent
St. Mark's, of Taunton	District No. 3,	42 per cent
St. Elmo, of Whitinsville	District No. 4,	31 per cent
Hampden, of Palmer	District No. 5,	32 per cent
Amherst, of Amherst	District No. 6,	62 per cent
Mt. Wollaston, of Wollaston . . .	District No. 7,	66 per cent
Bethsaida, of Everett	District No. 8,	32 per cent
Trinity, of Amesbury	District No. 9,	30 per cent

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Monument, of Great Barrington . .	District No. 10, 40 per cent
Clinton, of Clinton	District No. 11, 22 per cent
Vineyard, of Vineyard Haven . . .	District No. 12, 53 per cent
Walden, of Concord	District No. 13, 30 per cent
Norfolk, of Hyde Park	District No. 14, 27 per cent
Winthrop, of Winthrop	District No. 15, 19 per cent

It is earnestly hoped that the officers of every Chapter will cause special efforts to be made to secure a large attendance at the Annual Visitation of the Deputy, not only in order to show their respect for his interest and efforts in their behalf, but also to pay the honor due him as the direct representative of the Grand High Priest.

We believe that the prosperity of a Chapter is governed largely by the rendition of correct, dignified and impressive work. Care should therefore be exercised in the selection of its officers. Only those should be chosen who are capable and faithful, only those who appreciate the character and beauty of our rite and who have no desire to mar the effect of the work by anything that will detract from its impressiveness. The lessons taught in the various degrees are valuable only so far as they are productive of good results.

There is no real good excuse for poor work in the Chapter. There is in the keeping of the Grand Secretary a full, complete, and authorized Ritual of all the Capitular Degrees and Lectures. The Grand Chapter provides annually District Grand Chapters of Instruction with a Grand Lecturer in attendance, also an Annual Exemplification of all four degrees at the Temple in Boston. In addition the Grand Lecturers will by invitation visit any Chapter at any time for the purpose of giving instruction—the said Chapter paying him for his services and his expenses.

The District Deputy Grand High Priest is accountable for the way and manner in which the work is performed by the Chapters in his district. And it is his duty to report any Chapter that is in need of such instruction as will qualify its officers to perform their work in accordance with the desires and regulations of the Grand Chapter. He should urge upon all the officers of the Chapters in his District the absolute necessity of their attendance at the District Chapters of Instruction, and request that one or more of the officers of each Chapter attend the Exemplification by the Grand Officers on the day of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Considering the benefits to be derived by the Chapters by representative attendance on such occasions, they could well afford, if necessary, to stand the expenses incurred by their officers.

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Our forms and ceremonies are not an empty display. Every point, every act in our Ritual has a moral application and it is of vast importance that the significance of our symbols should be thoroughly understood and clearly taught and our ceremonies correctly administered. Upon every officer rests the responsibility of keeping in sight the ancient landmarks of our Order, and so conducting himself that he will readily observe that our degrees by their ceremonies as well as by their instruction, teach that the highest purpose in life and the greatest duty of man is to strive incessantly for the mastery of that which in him is best.

ENTERTAINMENTS

The Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Chapter have during the past year been largely attended. At each of these Convocations from sixty to sixty-five per cent of the Chapters were represented.

An instructive and interesting address was delivered at each one of the Convocations. In March E.·. Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, described "A Journey Through Holland." In June Companion Rev. McIliar Hamilton Lichliter spoke on the subject of "The Rejected Stone," and in September the subject of the address of R.·. E.·. Companion Clarence A. Brodeur was "Dreams and Visions."

We appreciate the services rendered by these Companions and again heartily thank them for the instruction given and the pleasure they afforded us.

On a few of the Chapter notices there appears what seems to me an apparent effort to attract too strongly the attention to an entertainment in connection with a banquet to induce the attendance of the members.

I am most heartily in favor of reasonable efforts to make the Convocations of our Chapters attractive and pleasant through the sociability and enjoyment of such entertainments as harmonize with the true spirit of Masonry and tend to encourage an increased companionship among our Members. But banquets and entertainments should not be given sufficient prominence to have it appear that they are the principal attraction at a Masonic gathering.

The real value of Masonry is in its moral lessons and the extent to which they influence our daily lives. Good and attractive work in your Chapters will bring better results than banquets and entertainments which a Companion may attend without being present to witness any part of the work of the Chapter. My experience has con-

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vinced me that where the officers of a Chapter have established a reputation of doing exceptionally fine work, there is always a liberal attendance at its Convocations.

Therefore it is urged that the officers of our Chapters endeavor to make their work through its impressiveness and excellence sufficient to induce a satisfactory attendance of the members without in any manner giving a possible impression that a banquet or entertainment may be the leading feature of our Convocations.

Companions, please pardon me if in the brief historical sketch which follows a few words appear of a personal nature. They cannot very well be avoided.

In the year 1785 a compact colony several hundred strong, composed largely of seafaring people from Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, New Bedford and places adjacent, sailed up the Hudson River and founded the City of Hudson, New York. Among the number were many Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity who promptly took action to obtain a charter from the Grand Lodge of New York, stating in the words of their petition, "That they were at such a distance from their own Lodges that it was 'imposibil' for some and difficult for all, to pay due attendance, whereby they were deprived of the advantages of a well ordered Lodge."

Their petition was granted and the Lodge was chartered in 1787. Six years later, in 1793, they organized a "Masters Mark Lodge" in which they conferred the Royal Arch Degree under warrant of Hudson's Master's Lodge, as was the custom in the Lodges from which they hailed. This Chapter five years later was one of nine Chapters that founded the General Grand Chapter at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1798. It was also a charter member of the New York State Grand Chapter the same year.

There is an unwritten law in Hudson Chapter that there shall be but three Honorary Members of the Chapter at the same time, the three during the past few years being M.·. E.·. Companion Henry Dewitt Hamilton, Past Grand High Priest of New York and at present General Grand Principal Sojourner; M.·. E.·. Companion Charles C. Hunt, Past Grand High Priest of New York, and M.·. E.·. Companion Marshall F. Hemingway, Past Grand High Priest of New York, and who at the time of his death was Grand Lecturer.

The passing away of this lamented M.·. E.·. Companion created a vacancy on the list of Honorary Members of Hudson Royal Arch Chapter.

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Here begins the personal allusion to which reference was above made.

It seems that several years after the constitution of Hudson Chapter, a young lad living near the city of Hudson and within the jurisdiction of the said Chapter, unable longer to endure the excitement attending hard work on a farm, made up his mind that he would travel towards the East. By so doing he naturally, of course, sought residence in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Many years followed before the light of a new and never dreamed of true East was revealed to him. While never ambitious for Masonic preferment, honors which came to him as a reward for a faithful service were deeply appreciated and accepted.

Then came a day when most unexpectedly and for some reason never reasonably explained to him, he found himself Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

On October 22, 1920, in Hudson Chapter it was suggested that since a vacancy existed in the Honorary Membership of the Chapter, that the present time afforded an opportunity to make due acknowledgment of the debt the Chapter owed to the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and at the same time express their fraternal interest in the success of one originally of their own Jurisdiction and of their appreciation of the distinguished position he holds in Capitular Masonry as Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. The following resolution was then unanimously adopted: "That M.·. E.·. Companion John J. Van Valkenburgh, Grand High Priest of the State of Massachusetts, be hereby made an Honorary Member of Hudson Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons."

Companions, these facts have been related to you at this time not only in order that there may appear on our Records the fraternal tribute which the Companions of Hudson Chapter in their thoughtful consideration have paid to this Grand Jurisdiction whence came the Companions who were instrumental in forming their Chapter one hundred and twenty-seven years ago, but also that I may from the East of this Grand Chapter express my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon the Grand High Priest by the Companions of his Old Home Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS

As usual many requests for Dispensations have been received. Twenty-two Dispensations were for the purpose of conferring the Degrees upon Candidates at the request of and for other Grand Juris-

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dictions; twenty-four were for courtesy work between our own Chapters; eight were for holding meetings in other than the regular meeting places; six for attending church; one for an election to fill a vacancy; three to open the Chapter at a time of day other than that stated in the by-laws; one to hold a Special Convocation, and one to receive an application from a Brother in the United States Navy.

None of the Dispensations granted were for working at one Convocation more than the prescribed constitutional number of degrees.

Attention is directed to the large number of Dispensations called for to confer degrees in Chapters other than those in which the applications were accepted. It is my desire that these requests for Dispensations be reduced to the lowest possible number. I am firmly of the opinion that a candidate should receive the degrees in the Chapter accepting his application, and am decidedly opposed to granting such Dispensations simply for the convenience of the candidate or a Chapter. I strongly advise that applications for such Dispensations be omitted in every case where it is possible to avoid them.

NEW CHAPTERS

Dispensations have been granted for the Institution of new Chapters, namely:

On December 13, 1919, to the Companions of Saugus to form Henry J. Mills Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., at Saugus.

June 3, 1920, to the Companions of Webster to form Webster Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., at Webster.

October 13, 1920, to the Companions of Belmont to form Belmont Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., at Belmont.

All of these Chapters are working regularly and we have confidence to believe that in due time they will be recommended to this Grand Chapter as being qualified for Constitution.

A petition has also recently been received from the Companions of Fairhaven for a Dispensation to form a Chapter at Fairhaven. This petition was granted December 7, 1920.

The principal reasons advanced by petitioners in requesting the present Administration to grant Dispensations to form new Chapters are that the Companions find it inconvenient or practically impossible to attend the meetings of their Chapters without serious loss of time in traveling and the limitation of time of their attendance at the meetings imposed by their dependence on car service. The fact that

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many Brethren have expressed their intention of making application for the degrees provided a Chapter is located nearer home, has also had considerable influence in determining the action of the petitioners.

It seems to me that there is at least another good and sufficient reason for the formation of new Chapters.

It must be apparent to every Companion that in some of our large and rapidly growing Chapters it is a physical impossibility for the officers of these Chapters to perform the work of conferring the degrees strictly in accordance with the desires of the Grand Chapter and the teachings of the Grand Lecturers both as exemplified in the District Schools of Instruction and as many of you have witnessed in the exemplification held in these apartments today.

Companions, what part if any of these degrees would you have omitted; what part could you have omitted without destroying to a considerable extent the beauty and the teachings of these degrees?

Steps will have to be taken sooner or later to relieve the situation to the extent at least of enabling the candidates to receive and have explained to them individually, all of the communications to which they are justly entitled. For as has been said by a former Grand Lecturer, "if we are not willing to give the necessary time and consideration to the proper presentation of the degrees, we must fail utterly to command the interest and respect of the candidates for them, and our labors will be in vain."

It is therefore earnestly hoped that the Companions of Chapters having a large yearly increase in membership will seriously consider the advisability of forming new Chapters or limiting the number of applications yearly received.

Companions, the work of another year is completed and it is with a heart filled with appreciation that I acknowledge my indebtedness to all of the Grand Officers and Companions for their generous assistance and loyal support. My appreciation and thanks are especially due to the Grand Lecturers for the good work they are doing in making District Exemplifications instructive and successful and also for the large amount of hard work they have performed in preparation for the annual exemplification of the degrees rendered here today in all their beauty and perfection.

As for the District Deputies I can only say that no Grand High Priest could possibly have had Deputies more efficient than those that have served me so faithfully and loyally during the past year and I

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thank them most heartily for the valuable assistance they have rendered the Order in promoting the best interests of Capitular Masonry throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

I cannot close this report of my stewardship without calling attention to the great responsibilities which rest upon us in giving voice and expression to the exemplification of the tenets of Capitular Masonry, Justice, Equity and Truth, as citizens of our Commonwealth and of the Nation.

Companions, we fall short of our calling if we fail to incorporate into the warp and woof of our citizenship those principles that make for the security of the great body, politic, especially in these days of stress when clear thinking and sound judgment should characterize every Mason. For Masonry is to be put to a test it has never before been called upon to experience.

The present time therefore calls for a concentration of Masonic energies in public affairs. Today it is not so much words as actions that we need. The only problem is to secure among Masons the singleness of purpose and community of action which will effectively unite them for the accomplishment of the desired end.

Fraternally,

JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH.

The M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest requested M.·. E.·. Companion Samuel F. Hubbard to assume the East and proceed with the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of

JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH .	M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest
CLARENCE A. BRODEUR . .	R.·. E.·. Deputy Grand High Priest
LEON M. ABBOTT	R.·. E.·. Grand King
CHARLES E. PRIOR . . .	R.·. E.·. Grand Scribe
EUGENE A. HOLTON . . .	R.·. E.·. Grand Treasurer
FREDERICK T. COMEE . . .	R.·. E.·. Grand Secretary
M.·. E.·. ARTHUR G. POLLARD R.·. E.·. CHARLES F. MASON	Trustees of the Fund for three years

On resuming his station the Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments:

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R.·. E.·. Frederick C. Graves . .	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·.		Dist.	1
R.·. E.·. Frank W. Palmer . .	"	"	"	2
R.·. E.·. Ernest J. Haydon . .	"	"	"	3
R.·. E.·. Francis J. Adams . .	"	"	"	4
R.·. E.·. Edward H. Elder . . .	"	"	"	5
R.·. E.·. Hartley R. Walker . .	"	"	"	6
R.·. E.·. Louis S. Cleaves . . .	"	"	"	7
R.·. E.·. Charles E. Cooke . .	"	"	"	8
R.·. E.·. Walter I. Churchill .	"	"	"	9
R.·. E.·. Herbert W. Dean . .	"	"	"	10
R.·. E.·. Solon Wilder	"	"	"	11
R.·. E.·. Emmanuel A. DeWager .	"	"	"	12
R.·. E.·. Will A. Charles . . .	"	"	"	13
R.·. E.·. John M. MacLauchlan .	"	"	"	14
R.·. E.·. Hugh McAlpine Tolar .	"	"	"	15
E.·. Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D.	Grand Chaplain			
E.·. Rev. Paul Sterling . .	"	"		
E.·. Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain			
E.·. Raymond T. Sewall . .	Grand Lecturer			
E.·. George W. Blinn . . .	"	"		
E.·. Arthur Twitchell . .	Grand Captain of the Host			
E.·. Noah H. Lee	Grand Principal Sojourner			
E.·. L. Harold Pendleton .	Grand Royal Arch Captain			
E.·. John H. Branigan . .	Grand Master Third Veil			
E.·. Henry W. Royal . . .	"	"	Second	"
E.·. George F. Cox . . .	"	"	First	"
E.·. George E. Safford . .	Grand Steward			
E.·. Robert L. Cooke . . .	"	"		
Comp. Josiah T. Dyer . . .	Grand Tyler			

M.·. E.·. Companion Hubbard was then asked to again assume the East and install the Grand Officers, all of them being present with the exception of Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain, and Companion Robert L. Cooke, Grand Steward.

At the completion of the installation ceremonies the customary Proclamation was made by the Grand Captain of

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the Host, and a unanimous vote of thanks was given St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Chapters for the use of paraphernalia.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from R.·. E.·. Francis L. Mitchell, the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, expressing the greetings and good wishes of that Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary in a brief and earnest manner, expressing the love and appreciation of the Grand Chapter, presented M.·. E.·. Companion Van Valkenburgh with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, the receipt of which was acknowledged in a very appropriate and appreciative manner.

After prayer by Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed at 10.45 o'clock.

Attest:

Frederick J. Conner

Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLES

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ABSTRACT

OF THE

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS FOR 1920

Names of Chapters	Members Aug. 31, 1919	Marked	Exalted	Affiliated or Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Died	Members Aug. 31, 1920	Receipts
Adoniram	698	67	67	1	1		11	754	$416 40
Amherst	71	22	23			1	2	91	125 10
Amity	221	48	50	5	1		2	273	273 30
Bancroft	216	40	38		2	7	5	240	230 00
Berkshire	379	31	32	2	2	14	6	391	200 10
Bethsaida	191	41	36		2		3	222	233 20
Cambridge	660	62	62	8	7	5	12	706	386 60
Clinton	157	17	17		4		4	166	107 60
Composite	265	17	17	1	2	1	1	279	118 90
Concord	142	19	19	2	1		3	159	116 90
Corinthian	133	22	22		1	2	4	148	130 80
Crescent	172	18	18	3	2		1	190	115 00
Dorchester	1082	188	192	6	4	9	17	1250	1071 00
Doric	165	15	14		6		2	171	98 10
Eureka	852	122	122	5	2	11	12	954	711 40
Evening Star	368	30	30			2	7	389	194 90
Fall River	714	103	101	5	1		8	811	602 10
Franklin	404	41	34	1	1		6	432	254 20
Gardner	163	4	4	1	1		2	165	42 50
Hampden	176	18	12		1		2	185	114 50
Harmony	156	17	17				2	171	108 10
Hebron	216	22	21	2	2		3	234	139 40
Holten	241	7	10	2	1		3	249	65 90
Houghton	364	41	41	1	2		6	398	250 80
Ipswich	76	28	27			5		98	155 80
Isle of the Sea	108	12	9				4	113	77 30
Joseph Warren	82	20	21		1		4	98	115 80
Keystone	161	19	19	1	1	1	5	174	118 40
King Cyrus	221	39	37				6	252	226 20
King Hiram	255	26	26				2	279	163 90
King Solomon's	189	48	49	1	1	3	3	232	269 20
Menotomy	261	45	43	2	5	2	5	294	260 40
Miller	132	16	16	1	2	2	1	144	100 40
Monument*	112	15	15	4	1			130	94 00
Morning Star	1006	213	211	5	2		12	1208	1191 80
Mt. Holyoke?	439	67	68	1	1	17	6	484	389 40
Mt. Horeb	820	88	88	2	1		16	893	535 30
Mt. Lebanon	295	21	21				7	309	141 90
Mt. Sinai	471	51	50	1	1		7	514	312 40
Mt. Vernon	684	92	88	4	9		9	758	541 80
Mt. Wollaston		126	123	96	1		2	216	658 10
Mt. Zion	142	24	25	1	1		7	160	142 00
Mystic	286	55	49	1		2	6	328	313 80
Newton	421	36	36	8	5	6	10	444	230 40
Norfolk	224	36	36	2	3		5	254	211 40

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS (Continued)

Names of Chapters	Members Aug. 31, 1919	Marked	Exalted	Affiliated or Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Died	Members Aug. 31, 1920	Receipts
Northampton . .	279	35	36	3	6	10	5	297	$210 70
North Star . . .	78	9	9		1	1		85	59 50
Old Colony . . .	57	11	11	1			1	68	67 80
Orient	107	9	10		1		3	113	62 30
Parker	204	17	19		2		9	212	112 20
Pentalpha . . .	275	51	50		6	1	3	315	292 50
Pentucket ‡ . . .	471	78	75	3	1		6	542	450 20
Pilgrim	200	14	15		1		1	213	97 30
Rabboni	93	18	14		2		3	102	106 20
Reading	331	40	26	2	5	2	5	347	240 70
St. Andrew's . .	716	56	72	8	9		19	768	362 80
St. Elmo ‖	166	22	22		1		1	186	134 60
St. John's . . .	269	39	38	1			8	300	231 00
St. Mark's . . .	306	44	44	4	1		4	349	260 90
St. Matthew's .	484	55	55	1			14	526	333 60
St. Paul's . . .	1656	136	134	4			10	1784	864 40
St. Stephen's .	403	74	74	1	24		5	449	420 90
Samoset	132	11	13		1		3	141	75 10
Satucket	530	86	86	2	2		10	606	496 60
Shekinah	504	42	38	2	2	5	6	531	269 10
Signet	442	63	63	1	5	1	7	493	370 30
Somerville . . .	641	121	122	5	8		6	754	686 40
Sutton	783	81	74		6		6	845	495 50
Swampscott . . .		55	54	80				134	296 40
Sylvester Baxter	85	15	17	2				104	91 40
Tabernacle . . .	417	61	59	7	2	6	10	465	357 50
Thomas	323	40	40	2	1		3	361	242 10
Trinity	136	38	38	1			3	172	213 20
Tyrian	108	14	14	1	1		1	121	88 10
Union †	257	32	32	1	7	1		282	194 20
Unity	269	23	23	1			7	286	149 60
Vineyard		42	41	19			3	57	231 20
Walden	143	41	41	2			2	184	229 40
Waltham	359	54	51	1	2		1	408	316 80
Wareham	123	7	7		1		5	124	53 40
Washington . .	438	42	42	4	1	2	8	473	263 30
Waverly	328	68	67	3	4	1	4	389	384 90
William Ferson.	224	15	18		1	2	2	237	104 70
Winthrop . . .	355	57	57	1		1	4	408	331 80
Woburn	225	25	24	1	3		4	243	155 30
Worcester . . .	504	70	69	2	2		12	561	412 10
	28012	3900	3850	341	190	123	445	31445	23172 50

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Past Grand High Priests

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	1798–1800	*James Kimball . . .	1859–61
*Dudley Atkins Tyng .	1801–02	*—— ——	1862–64
*Timothy Bigelow . .	1803–05	*Richard Briggs . . .	1865–67
*Isaiah Thomas . . .	1806–08	*Henry Chickering . .	1868–71
*Oliver Prescott . . .	1809	*Alfred F. Chapman .	1872–74
*James Dean Hopkins .	1810–12	*John W. Dadmun . .	1875
*John Abbott	1813–15	*Alfred F. Chapman .	1876
*Andrew Sigourney .	1816–17	Smith B. Harrington	1877–78
*James Prescott . . .	1818–19	*Thomas Waterman .	1879–81
*Jonathan Gage . . .	1820–22	Albert C. Smith . . .	1882–84
*Paul Dean	1823–25	Frederick T. Comee .	1885–87
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1826–28	Arthur G. Pollard . .	1888–90
*Samuel Clarke . . .	1829–31	J. Albert Blake . . .	1891–93
*Josiah J. Fiske . . .	1832–33	*J. Gilman Waite . .	1894–96
*Edward A. Raymond .	1834–36	*Seranus Bowen . . .	1897–98
*Simon W. Robinson .	1837–39	Warren B. Ellis . .	1899–1901
*John B. Hammatt . .	1840	Samuel F. Hubbard .	1902–04
*Elijah Atherton . . .	1841–43	*Harry Hunt	1905–07
*Thomas Tolman . . .	1844–45	*Baalis Sanford . . .	1908–09
*Charles W. Moore . .	1846–48	Charles Dana Burrage	1910–12
*Benjamin Huntoon .	1849–51	Eugene A. Holton . .	1913–15
*Stephen Lovell . . .	1852–54	Arthur D. Prince . .	1916–18
*Daniel Harwood .	1855–56	John J. Van Valkenburgh	1919–
*Wendell Thornton Davis	1857		
*John McClellan . . .	1858		

Past Deputy Grand High Priests

*Dudley Atkins Tyng .	1799	*Henry Fowle	1808–14
*Jonathan Gage . . .	1799	*James C. King . . .	1814–15
*Joshua Greenleaf . .	1800	*Benjamin Russell . .	1816–20
*Simon Eliott	1801–02	*Samuel L. Knapp . .	1820
*Benjamin Russell . .	1803–08	*Paul Dean	1821–22

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*Augustus Peabody . .	1823–26	*Alfred H. Hartley . .	1881
*Benjamin Huntoon .	1826–29	*Joseph S. Barney . .	1882
*Robert Lash	1829–33	*Daniel H. Smith . .	1883
*Thomas Tolman . . .	1833	Henry S. Bunton . .	1884
*Gardner Ruggles . .	1834–37	J. Albert Blake . . .	1885
*John B. Hammatt . .	1837–40	William H. Young .	1886
*Elijah Atherton . . .	1840	William R. Johnson .	1887
*Thomas Tolman . . .	1841–44	*John B. Hill	1888
*Elias Haskell	1844–45	*George Wilby . . .	1889
*Ruel Baker	1846–47	*J. Gilman Waite . .	1890
*Gilbert Nurse	1848	Eugene A. Holton . .	1891
*Winslow Lewis, M.D.	1849	Samuel A. Phelps . .	1892
*Stephen Lovell . . .	1850–51	Frank L. Weaver . .	1893
*Timothy Ingraham .	1852	*James Downs	1894
*E. M. P. Wells . . .	1853	Warren B. Ellis . . .	1895
*Joseph Bedlow . . .	1854	*Harry Hunt	1896
*Samuel K. Hutchinson	1855	Samuel F. Hubbard .	1897
*William R. Alger . .	1856	*Arthur T. Way . . .	1898
*Tracy P. Cheever . .	1857	C. A. Peabody, M.D. .	1899
*Isaac P. Seavey . .	1858	Samuel Crowell, M.D.	1900
*Wyzeman Marshall .	1859	Wm. B. Lawrence . .	1901
*Richard Briggs . . .	1861	Charles F. Mason . .	1902
*Albert H. Kirkham .	1862	Edward M. Woodward	1903
*John K. Hall	1863	*Edward J. Sartelle .	1904
*Caleb Rand	1864	*Richard A. Atwood .	1905
*John W. Dadmun . .	1865	*Herbert F. Morse . .	1906
*Charles A. Welch . .	1866	*John L. Stone . . .	1907
*Benjamin Lewis . . .	1867	Charles D. Burrage .	1908
*Alfred F. Chapman .	1868–70	Edwin S. Crandon . .	1909
*Zephaniah H. Thomas	1871	*Warren P. Dudley . .	1910
*Rev. T. E. St. John .	1872	Jesse E. Ames . . .	1911
*Rev.A.St.John Chambre	1873	Chas. H. Preston . .	1912
George E. Stacey . .	1874	Frank F. Cook . . .	1913
*Daniel Upton	1875	James S. Blake . . .	1914
*James Tent	1876	Arthur D. Prince . .	1915
*Alfred A. Burditt .	1877	*Geo. C. Thatcher . .	1916
*John Haigh	1878	*Waterman S. C. Russell	1917
*Nathan B. Fletcher .	1879	Olin D. Dickerman .	1918
Arthur G. Pollard . .	1880	Curtis Chipman . . .	1919
		Lorenzo L. Green . .	1920

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Past Grand Kings

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1798	*Sylvester Baxter	1860
*James Harrison	1799	*William S. Shurtleff	1861
*William McKeen	1800	*Charles C. Dame	1862
*Charles Jackson	1801	*Henry Chickering	1863
*Benjamin Russell	1802	*Albert E. Foth	1864
*Gilman White	1803–04	*David W. Crafts	1865
*David Coffin, Jr.	1805	*Henry Endicott	1866
*Amos Tappan	1806	Daniel W. Lawrence	1867
*Oliver Prescott	1807–08	*Jonathan P. Folsom	1868
*William Woart	1809–10	*Frederick A. Pierce	1869–70
*John Abbott	1811–12	*Thomas Waterman	1871
*Samuel L. Knapp	1813–14	*Samuel B. Thaxter	1872
*Henry Fowle	1815	*Joseph K. Baker	1873
*James C. King	1816–17	John L. Kendall	1874
*Joseph Brown	1818	*John A. Lee	1875
*Robert Lash	1819	*Elbridge G. Snow	1876
*Caleb Butler	1820–22	*Charles W. Romney	1877
*Henry Whipple	1823	*Frederick Frye	1878
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1824–25	*Edwin Wright	1879
*Richard S. Spofford	1826–28	Enoch G. Best, M.D.	1880
*Charles Train	1829–31	Edmund P. Kendrick	1881
*Edward A. Raymond	1832–33	*Charles Harris	1882
*William Whiting	1834–35	*Howard F. Rowe	1883
*Simon W. Robinson	1836	*Wm. A. Farnsworth	1883
*Elijah Atherton	1837–40	*Henry H. Fletcher	1884
*Enoch Hobart	1840	*Charles C. Bixby	1885
*John R. Bradford	1841–43	*Lucius Field	1886
*Charles W. Moore	1844–45	*Joseph W. Hill	1887
*Gilbert Nurse	1846–47	*John B. Whitaker	1888
*William Eaton	1848	*George M. Rice	1889
*Lucien B. Keith	1849	Frederick H. Spring	1890
*Samuel Millard	1850–51	*Alfred A. Burrill	1891
*John Flint	1852	*George F. Walker	1892
*James W. Crooks	1853	*Thomas Kellough	1893
*Ebenezer W. Tolman	1854	*Forrest E. Barker	1894
*Jonathan P. Johnson	1855	Henry E. Gaylord	1895
*Wendell Thornton Davis	1856	Jonathan Smith	1896
*William Parkman	1857	Albion H. Libby	1897
*William H. L. Smith	1858	*Olin C. Towle	1898
*William W. Baker	1859	Edward M. Meekins	1899

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Albert E. Bradley . .	1900	*John M. Cochran . .	1911
Charles H. Miller . .	1901	David T. Montague .	1912
*Edward Parker . . .	1902	Dwight E. Cone, M.D.	1913
*George W. Storer . .	1903	G. Sidney Macfarlane	1914
Fred D. McGregor .	1904	*Henry N. Fisher . .	1915
Daniel L. Brownell .	1905	Chas. W. Delano . .	1916
Henry L. Sherman .	1906	Edward O. Burton .	1917
Edward E. Jameson .	1907	Dean K. Webster . .	1918
Arthur W. Beckford .	1908	Charles F. Mann . .	1919
John J. Van Valkenburgh	1909	Frank S. Elliott . . .	1920
George O. Sheldon . .	1910		

Past Grand Scribes

*James Harrison . .	1798	*Robert Keith	1841–43
*Joshua Greenleaf . .	1799	*Ruel Baker	1844–45
*Charles Jackson . .	1800	*Joel Talbot	1846–47
*Benjamin Russell . .	1801	*Lucien B. Keith . .	1848
*Stephen Howard . .	1802	*Samuel Millard . . .	1849
*Abraham Perkins . .	1803–04	*Henry Earl	1850–51
*Samuel A. Otis . . .	1805	*Jonas A. Marshall . .	1852
*James Dean Hopkins .	1806	*Horace Chenery . .	1853
*Thomas Carey, Jr. . .	1807–08	*John McClellan . . .	1854
*Thomas Jackson . . .	1809	*Abraham A. Dane . .	1855
*Sumner Barstow . .	1810	*John Andrews . . .	1856
*Henry Purkett . . .	1811	*Joel Spaulding . . .	1857
*Edward Turner . . .	1812	*James Kimball . . .	1858
*Andrew Sigourney .	1813–14	*Henry Goddard . .	1859
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.	1815	*George Sherwin . . .	1860
*Joseph Brown . . .	1816–17	*George Talbot . . .	1861
*Robert Lash	1818	*Moses H. Fowler . .	1862
*James Morse	1819–20	*John M. Pike . . .	1863
*Roswell Lee	1821	*Wanton T. Drew . .	1864
*Daniel Baxter	1822	*Marlborough Williams	1865
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1823	*Rufus S. Pope . . .	1866
*John James Loring .	1824–25	*Lyman B. Meston . .	1867
*Samuel Clark	1826–29	*Charles H. Norris . .	1868
*Charles Wells . . .	1829–32	*Thomas Winship . .	1869–70
*William Whiting . .	1833	*Fred G. Walbridge .	1871
*Simon W. Robinson .	1834–35	*James Smith	1872
*Elijah Atherton . . .	1836	*James Utley	1873
*Enoch Hobart . . .	1837–39	*Alex. K. Bryer . . .	1874
*John R. Bradford .	1840	*Samuel B. Hildreth .	1875

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*Josiah C. Fuller . . .	1876	*William E. Livingston	1899
*Seranus Bowen . . .	1877	*John E. Hamer . . .	1900
*Baalis Sanford . . .	1878	*Wm. H. H. Soule . .	1901
*George E. Boyden . .	1879	Frank E. Wing . . .	1902
Albert C. Smith . . .	1880	M. Perry Sargent . .	1903
*Sylvanus Cobb, Jr. .	1881	*Frank Chandler . . .	1904
*William Humphrey .	1882	Frank B. Spalter . .	1905
*Albert L. Richardson	1883	Fred E. Pierce . . .	1906
Jerome Smith	1884	Albert E. Taylor . .	1907
*Silas B. Dickerman .	1885	*Henry P. Brown . .	1908
*Nathan J. Simonds .	1886	*Edward L. Chase . .	1908
*Othello A. Fay . . .	1887	*Walter F. Medding .	1909
*Solomon A. Bolster .	1888	Fred H. Scott . . .	1910
*John W. Chapman .	1889	G. Albert Kenyon . .	1911
*Timothy A. Coolidge .	1890	Alfred H. Nash . . .	1912
Eleazer H. Brazer . .	1891	Charles W. Godfrey .	1913
*Alonzo H. Smith . .	1892	Harry E. Bicknell .	1914
*Charles T. Chase . .	1893	Charles L. Waid . .	1915
David W. Battles . .	1894	Wm. M. Thorup . . .	1916
*William P. Brechin .	1895	Augustus Ridgeway .	1917
Robert K. Sears . .	1896	Robert W. Oliver . .	1918
R. Walter Hilliard .	1897	William S. Hamilton .	1919
*Charles C. Henry . .	1898	Albert E. Webster . .	1920
*Walter M. Wright . .	1899		

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SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

DATE OF ORGANIZATION, CONVOCATION AND REPRESENTATIVES

ADDRESS OF EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST AND SECRETARY

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Subordinate Chapters, with Date of Organization, Convocations and Representatives

Name of Chapter	Location	Date of Precedence	Convocations	Annual	EX. HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE
ADONIRAM	New Bedford ...	Oct. 4, 1816	1st Wednesday....	October	James G. Owers	John A. Lee	Alfred Bradley
AMHERST	Amherst	Jan. 15, 1912	2d Thursday.....	September ...	Lewell S. Walker	Fred H. Hawley	harles H. Rumery
AMITY	Beverly	March 12, 1872	4th Tuesday.....	October	J. Martin Jorgensen	Stephen E. Woodbury	Merton E. Johnson
BANCROFT	Ayer	Sept. 11, 1900	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Frank C. Johnson	Elwin H. Longley	Orrin W. Oliver
BERKSHIRE	Pittsfield	Dec. 7, 1858	2d Thursday.....	October	Arthur F. Jones	George B. Sturgis	LeRoy E. Shaw
BETHSAIDA	Everett	Feb. 22, 1911	4th Tuesday.....	September ...	John R. Dexter	James F. Williams	George G. Baker
CAMBRIDGE	Cambridge	Dec. 13, 1864	2d Friday..	September ...	George M. Patterson	George W. Long	Fred A. Keniston
CLINTON	Clinton	Sept. 7, 1869	2d Monday.....	October	Chas. A. Hosmer	William H. Taubert	James M. Donnelly
COMPOSITE	North Adams ...	Dec. 27, 1872	1st Wednesday....	September ...	Tibbitts M. Northrup	Harold E. Byam	Fred W. Proctor
CONCORD	Framingham	March 25, 1826	1st Thursday	October	Arthur H. Burdick	Walter G. Whittemore	William H. Virgie
CORINTHIAN	Adams	Dec. 12, 1865	3d Wednesday	September ...	Harry V. Higham	John Lawson, Jr.	Hiram E. Wilbur
CRESCENT	Orange	March 11, 1884	1st Thursday	September ...	Willard E. Morse	Fred H. Train	George W. Moranville
DORCHESTER	Dorchester.....	March 7, 1893	4th Monday	September ...	Frank A. Gibson	Herbert S. Locke	Edwin J. Owen
DORIC	Southbridge	Dec. 11, 1866	3d Monday	September ..	Harry LeRoy Brickett	Arthur W. Harlow	Harry W. Dighton
EUREKA	Worcester	Dec. 13, 1870	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Edw. M. Woodward, Jr.	Frank A. Wright	Arthur H. Atkins
EVENING STAR ..	Westfield	Sept. 13, 1870	1st Tuesday	October	Edward E. Mayor	J. Harry Johnson	Nelson B. Richardson
FALL RIVER.....	Fall River	June 7, 1864	2d Monday.....	September ...	A. Edgar Hanson	Charles E. Clarke	J. Arthur Childs
FRANKLIN	Greenfield	Jan. 7, 1818	3d Wednesday	October	Donald E. Mathewson	Herbert J. Smith	William W. Mathewson
GARDNER	Gardner	Dec. 7, 1909	4th Wednesday....	September ...	George R. Warfield	Henry Leland	Harry W. Ireland
HAMPDEN	Palmer	June 9, 1863	1st Monday after ○	October	Harry B. Sanborn	George L. Warfield	Charles F. Dingman
HARMONY	Bridgewater	March 7, 1882	2d Thursday.....	October	Thomas Carroll	Carl C. Poole	Edward S. Whitmarsh
HEBRON	Norwood	June 12, 1883	Last Friday	September ...	Leroy C. Gardner	Andrew C. Morrow	Oliver J. Fisher
HENRY J. MILLS	Saugus	Dec. 30, 1919	2d Wednesday.....	September ...	Willard C. Copeland	Walter M. Perry	Edward P. Groesbeck
HOLTEN	Danvers	March 12, 1872	2d Wednesday	October	William G. Merrill	Percy L. Burnes	Cyrus F. Newbegin
HOUGHTON	Marlboro	June 11, 1867	2d Friday.....	September ...	Claude E. Williams	Daniel H. Harrington	Arthur B. Willard
IPSWICH	Ipswich	Sept. 12, 1910	2d Tuesday.....	October	James E. Cole, Jr.	Frank A. Ross	William N. Prescott
ISLE OF THE SEA .	Nantucket	Sept. 10, 1867	2d Monday.....	October	William C. Brock	Richard F. Dixon	Randolph M. Swain
JOSEPH WARREN.	Provincetown ...	June 8, 1869	1st Friday	October	George F. Miller	John P. Silva	Fred H. Dearborn
KEYSTONE.....	Foxboro	June 12, 1860	1st Wednesday....	October	A. Vernon Wilson	Percy B. Richmond	Kenneth C. Sherman
KING CYRUS	Newburyport ...	July 9, 1790	2d Thursday.....	September ...	William E. Bassett	Chas. F. A. Hall	William C. Noyes
KING HIRAM.....	Attleboro	March 7, 1876	2d Thursday.....	September ...	James E. Totten	Walter L. Gardner	Charles D. Blaikie
KING SOLOMON'S.	Warren	Dec. 7, 1858	3d Tuesday.....	October	William C. Gage	Albert T. Wilde	Frank W. Carey
MENOTOMY	Arlington	June 12, 1866	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Nathan C. Lombard	Fred G. Sandford	W. Stuart Allen
MILLER	Franklin	Dec. 12, 1871	2d Tuesday.....	October	William S. Goodwin	Herbert J. Cook	Carl H. Carlson
MONUMENT	Great Barrington	June 9, 1874	Mon. on or before ○	September ...	Frederick A. Remington	Marcus A. Barnes	Joseph P. G. Davis
MORNING STAR ..	Springfield	June 10, 1817	1st Friday	October	David Wilkinson	Chas. Alfred Hammond	Horace D. Likins
MT. HOLYOKE ...	Holyoke	June 13, 1865	1st Tuesday	October	Arthur H. Burgess	Richard G. Mathieson	Charles H. Smith
MT. HOREB	Lowell	April 8, 1826	3d Tuesday.....	October	Percy J. Wilson	Charles E. Cooke	Albert Whitworth
MT. LEBANON ...	Milford	Dec. 14, 1824	Thursday after ○..	October	J. Frank Despeaux	F. Roy Hixon	Francis W. Sanderson

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MT. SINAI	Lawrence	Sept. 11, 1860	Last Thursday* ..	September ...	Clarence W. Dean	Silas Thomas	Austin Matthews
MT. VERNON ...	Roxbury	March 7, 1865	3d Thursday.....	September ...	Alvah G. Sleeper	Leo. W. Twombly	Charles L. Baldner
MT. WOLLASTON	Wollaston.....	Aug. 22, 1918	2d Friday.....	September....	Philip H. Gallaher	Edgar L. DeForest	Arthur J. Bartlett
MT. ZION	Stoughton	Dec. 12, 1820	1st Friday	September ...	William Gardner	Frank W. Mansfield	Edmund A. Chapin
MYSTIC	Medford	June 9, 1863	2d Thursday.....	September ...	Charles H. Phinney	Carl O. Childs	Harold B. Enright
NEWTON	Newtonville	Sept. 7, 1869	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Frank J. Chaplin	Walter A. Brooks	Joseph H. Libbey
NORFOLK	Hyde Park	May 17, 1870	2d Thursday.....	September ...	Arthur T. Byrnes	Arthur E. Campbell	Harry W. Hadlock
NORTHAMPTON ..	Northampton ...	June 23, 1825	1st Wednesday....	September ...	William A. Brownell	Milo H. Buzzee	Percy J. King
NORTH STAR	Winchendon	June 11, 1872	2d Monday.....	September ...	Frank H. Parker	William H. Hezlitt	Marcus L. Foster
OLD COLONY ..	Middleboro	Oct. 14, 1914	4th Thursday*....	October	George A. Jones	John G. Paun	Arthur W. Cunningham
ORIENT	Hyannis	Sept. 9, 1856	3d Thursday.....	October	Alexander T. Stuart	Freeman C. Bartlett	John E. Hinckley
PARKER	Natick	March 10, 1868	1st Tuesday	September ...	John Keays	William S. McRobert	James E. White
PENTALPHA	East Weymouth .	June 7, 1870	3d Thursday.....	September ...	Charles H. Chubbuck	F. Wayland Preston	Sidney G. Dunbar
PENTUCKET	Haverhill	Dec. 9, 1856	1st Friday.....	October	Forrest V. Smith	Ira C. Titcomb	Theodore Goodrich
PILGRIM	Abington	Dec. 10, 1861	2d Monday.....	October	Percy R. Shaw	Fred L. Blake	Carroll A. Easton
RABBONI	North Attleboro..	March 7, 1911	1st Tuesday	October	William H. Heckmann	Henry H. Curtis	Henry B. Cornell
READING	Reading	June 11, 1872	4th Wednesday....	October	Frank F. Strout	Earl R. Martin	Jesse S. Thorn
ST. ANDREW'S ..	Boston	Aug. 28, 1769	1st Wednesday....	October	Charles W. Kidder	D. Henry Childs	Frederick H. Briggs
ST. ELMO	Whitinsville	June 7, 1892	1st Tuesday	October	Richard M. Ferguson	William L. Munt	Lucian T. Barnes
ST. JOHN'S	East Boston	Dec. 12, 1854	4th Monday	September ...	Everett D. Hooper	Fred B. Duncan	Trueman B. Taylor
ST. MARK'S	Taunton	Dec. 13, 1864	2d Monday.....	October	Robert C. Witherell	Carlos D. Freeman	C. Roland Hodges
ST. MATTHEW'S .	South Boston....	June 9, 1863	2d Monday.....	October	Theodore M. Reed	John E. Bernhard	Oliver Elliott
ST. PAUL'S	Boston	Dec. 10, 1818	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Fred A. Norcross	Wallace C. Keith	John Wentworth
ST. STEPHEN'S .	Quincy	March 13, 1866	2d Wednesday	September ...	Elbert H. R. Gardiner	Albert D. Healey	George W. Brown
SAMOSET	Plymouth	Dec. 8, 1868	1st Thursday	October	Waldo Hayward	George L. Gooding	Edward L. Burgess
SATUCKET	Brockton	Dec. 7, 1869	2d Friday.....	October	T. Harry Blackman	Harold W. Sprague	Edward M. Carr
SHEKINAH	Chelsea	Dec. 27, 1855	1st Wednesday....	October	Ernest B. Schallenbach	Frank R. Ellsworth	Wm. G. Follis
SIGNET	Charlestown-Boston.	June 9, 1868	2d Thursday.....	September ...	Horatio L. Gould	William T. Robbins	William C. Crane
SOMERVILLE	Somerville	Dec. 13, 1870	3d Thursday.....	September ...	Alfredda R. Hersam	Edward J. Fudge	Percy A. Brigham
SUTTON	Lynn	Sept. 8, 1863	2d Thursday.....	September ...	George H. Gage	Charles L. Betton	J. Frank Miller
SWAMPSCOTT	Swampscott	May 13, 1919	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	J. Brinton Bailey	Frank A. Bucknam	John E. Moulton
SYLVESTERBAXTER	West Harwich ..	Dec. 7, 1869	Sat. on or before O	October	Edgar F. Bassett	John P. Nickerson	.....
TABERNACLE	Malden	March 9, 1886	3d Monday.....	September ...	Edwin C. Perkins	George E. Cleaves	Alfred W. McDonald
THOMAS	Fitchburg	Dec. 11, 1821	2d Wednesday	September ...	James C. Eteson	Richard S. Tucker	John F. Widlund
TRINITY	Amesbury	Sept. 13, 1870	2d Monday.....	September ...	Clair G. Yeaton	Howard L. Johnson	Chas. S. Pettingell
TYRIAN	Millbury	Nov. 11, 1872	1st Tuesday	October	George L. Wilbur	Fred H. Rice	Charles B. Winter
UNION	Athol	March 13, 1866	3d Tuesday.....	October	Henrie C. Fay	Camille Forest, Jr.	Fred B. White
UNITY	Chicopee Falls...	Dec. 7, 1875	1st Wednesday....	October	Francis S. Nelson	Roy P. Miles	Harold B. Howard
VINEYARD.....	Vineyard Haven.	Jan. 7, 1918	3d Tuesday.....	October.....	Alton C. Tuckerman	Hosea S. Look	John W. Carey
WALDEN	Concord	March 11, 1873	4th Monday	September ...	Ralph L. Hastings	Frank H. Goettler	Ross K. Whiton
WALTHAM	Waltham	Dec. 13, 1864	3d Thursday.....	September ...	Adelman E. Clarke	Samuel Alcock	Hugh Goddard
WAREHAM	Wareham	Sept. 7, 1909	1st Monday.....	October	Louis C. LeBaron	Benjamin P. Waters	Austin L. Pierce
WASHINGTON ...	Salem	Jan. 15, 1811	2d Thursday.....	October	Frederick P. Willard	Edward I. Walkley	Cassius S. Cilley
WAVERLY	Melrose	March 10, 1863	1st Wednesday....	September ...	Wm. L. Bernhard	Alfred H. Eldredge	George Henry Warren
WILLIAM FERSON	Gloucester	Dec. 13, 1870	3d Wednesday	October	Everett A. Flye	Harry G. Pew	Herman W. Spooner
WINTHROP	Winthrop	Sept. 19, 1899	4th Tuesday.....	September ...	Amos W. Crooks	George L. Crosby	Harry W. Farquhar
WOBURN	Woburn	Dec. 13, 1870	4th Wednesday....	September ...	John H. Newman	James W. Simpson	Percy W. Witherell
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Arkansas	Arthur L. Smith	Little Rock
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Connecticut	Stephen P. Goodsell	Winsted
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Colorado	Charles F. Mason	Watertown
Connecticut	Herbert A. Rhoades	Braintree
Delaware	Edward O. Burton	Clinton
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Indiana	Henry H. Litchfield	Plymouth
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Louisiana	Albert C. Smith	Boston
Maine	Curtis Chipman	Newton
Maryland	Charles D. Burrage	Needham
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Missouri	James S. Blake	Boston
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New Brunswick	Lucius A. Derby	Lowell
New Hampshire	Henry N. West	New Bedford
New Jersey	Edward E. Jameson	Wollaston Heights
New York	Arthur G. Pollard	Lowell
New Zealand	Edwin S. Crandon	Cambridge
North Carolina	Daniel L. Brownell	Taunton
North Dakota	John J. Van Valkenburgh	Framingham
Nova Scotia	Walter T. Creese	Danvers
Ohio	Arthur D. Prince	Lowell
Oklahoma	M. Perry Sargent	Amesbury
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Texas	Edward M. Woodward	Worcester
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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Officers elected at the thirty-seventh Triennial Convocation, at Baltimore, Maryland, for the term of 1918 to 1921.

Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest, Des Moines, Iowa.

William Frederick Kuhn, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Northrup Rix, General Grand King, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

John Albert Blåke, General Grand Scribe, Boston, Massachusetts.

Gustav Adolph Eitel, General Grand Treasurer, Baltimore, Maryland.

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General Grand Captain of the Host.

Henry DeWitt Hamilton, General Grand Principal Sojourner, New York City, New York.

Charles Clark Davis, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Centralia, Illinois.

Leon Tony Leach, General Grand Master Third Veil, Indianapolis, Indiana.

John William Neilson, General Grand Master Second Veil, Concordia, Kansas.

William Tecumseh Sherman O'Hara, General Grand Master First Veil, Toledo, Ohio.

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MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light."

SCOTTISH RITE, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.), "in the year of discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

KNICHTS TEMPLARS commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACIO (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 1921 and 4000—5921.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: 1921 and 3760—5681. After September add another year.

ROYAL ARCH—

Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1921 and 530—2451.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Add 1000 to the common era. Thus: 1921 and 1000—2921.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1921—803.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

To the Christian era add 1913, the Year of Blessing. Thus: 1921 and 1913—3834.

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MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS

The Annual Assembly of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, March 9, A.D. 1920, A.·. B.·. 3833, at 3 o'clock P.M.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis . . .	E.·. President
R.·. E.·. Charles E. Prior . .	Vice-President
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	Treasurer
M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Secretary
R.·. E.·. Henry S. Bunton . .	Chaplain
R.·. E.·. James S. Blake . . .	Master of Ceremonies
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . .	Conductor
E.·. Simeon Cragin . . .	Sentinel

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chapters		
Adoniram,	Edward C. Mosher	Stephen H. Taylor
	William M. Thorup	
Bancroft,	Charles F. Watts	Herbert H. Proctor
Bethsaida,	David S. Huey	Fred Hobbs
	Melville A. Arnold	
Cambridge,	Frank P. Rhoades	Charles M. Pear
Concord,	J. J. Van Valkenburgh	William F. Howland
	George H. Davis	Sands S. Woodbury
Eureka,	William J. Denholm	
Fall River,	Walter E. Russell	
Harmony,	Walter W. Gillander	
Hebron,	William U. Lowden	
Joseph Warren,	Edwin W. Smith	
Keystone,	Harry R. Fisher	
Morning Star,	Ernest F. Spicer	
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	H. W. Curtis	
MYSTIC,	George F. Sampson	
NEWTON,	Charles E. A. Ross	
NORFOLK,	Harry L. Wardle	Edward J. Ellis
NORTHAMPTON,	Samuel A. Phelps	
NORTH STAR,	Fred A. Durgin	
OLD COLONY,	George F. Cox	
ORIENT,	Walter B. Chase	Arthur G. Guyer
PILGRIM,	Bertram A. Thompson	Charles F. Dudley
	Alfred H. Nash	
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	Augustus Ridgeway	Charles E. Lawrence
ST. JOHN'S,	Louis C. Zeppernick	Lawrence B. Friswold
ST. MARK'S,	Daniel L. Brownell	
ST. MATTHEW'S,	William G. Irwin	
ST. PAUL'S,	Edward H. Kavanagh	Almon B. Cilley
SATUCKET,	Warren S. Shaw	
SHEKINAH,	Raymond T. Sewall	
SOMERVILLE,	Samuel D. Kelly	
SUTTON,	Charles H. Colby	
SYLVESTER BAXTER,	Henry K. Bearse	
TABERNACLE,	Alvin F. Pease	
THOMAS,	Fred A. Young	
TRINITY,	M. Perry Sargent	
VINEYARD,	George G. Tyler	
WALDEN,	William L. Smith	Robert W. Browning
	Hollis S. Howe	
WALTHAM,	Amasa Harrington	Alexander Starbuck
WASHINGTON,	Ralph O. Russell	George W. Blinn
WAVERLY,	Aubrey W. Dunton	
WILLIAM FERSON,	Frank S. Elliott	
WINTHROP,	Willie I. Kelley	Charles W. Howard
	Harry M. Jones	Frank A. Talcott
	David M. Wiseley	
WORCESTER,	Edward J. Stevens	William H. DeLong

The record of the Convention March 11, 1919, was read and approved.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS,

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

MARCH 11, 1919		
39 Candidates at $5.00	$195.00	
62 Dinner Tickets at $1.00	62.00	
Postage Reimbursed	2.40	
		$259.40
Simeon Cragin	$5.00	
Frederick T. Comee, Secretary	25.00	
Frederick T. Comee, supplies	.75	
J. C. Miller, printing	22.50	
The Bourse Cigar Co.	11.25	
H. J. Seiler	135.00	
Suffolk Savings Bank	59.90	
		$295.40

ASSETS MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION HIGH PRIESTS

No. 107551, Suffolk Savings Bank, March, 1919	$910.66
Dividend April, 1919	18.20
April 23, Deposited	59.90
Dividend October, 1919	19.16
	$1,007.92

Accepted.

The Secretary reported having applications for the Order from the following forty-two qualified Companions:

Name	Chapter	Residence
Ernest J. Haydon	Adoniram	New Bedford
Elmer G. Page	Bethsaida	Arlington
Fred W. Jouett	Cambridge	West Somerville
Herman F. Hawthorne	Cambridge	Cambridge
Hugh M. Tolar	Cambridge	Cambridge
George T. Wiley	Dorchester	Dorchester
Arthur E. Rogerson	Dorchester	Dorchester
Hugh St. Clair Duncan	Evening Star	Westfield
Nathan C. Lombard	Menotomy	Arlington

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Frank A. Hartwell	Morning Star	Springfield
William J. Agambar	Mt. Holyoke	Holyoke
Herbert W. Horne	Mt. Horeb	Lowell
Walter E. Weld	Mt. Wollaston	Wollaston
Louis S. Cleaves	Mt. Wollaston	Wollaston
Edward H. Brown	Mystic	West Medford
Alexander J. Buchanan	Newton	Boston
Frank H. Hinckley, Jr.	Orient	Yarmouthport
John Taylor	Pentalpha	North Weymouth
Percy R. Shaw	Pilgrim	Abington
Joseph H. Crosby	Reading	Reading
Robert C. Witherell	St. Mark's	Taunton
Conrad Allen	St. Matthew's	Boston
Robert G. Wilson	St. Paul's	Boston
Arthur Newton	St. Stephen's	Quincy
Waldo Hayward	Samoset	Plymouth
Winthrop F. Butler	Shekinah	West Medford
Horatio L. Gould	Signet	Boston
Frank W. Palmer	Sutton	Lynn
Alfredda R. Hersam	Somerville	Somerville
Edward A. A. Lamere	Thomas	Fitchburg
Clair G. Yeaton	Trinity	Amesbury
John J. Scott	Trinity	Amesbury
Alton C. Tuckerman	Vineyard	Vineyard Haven
Albert E. Batley	Walden	Maynard
Walter L. Williams	Washington	Peabody
Irving F. Ridlon	Waverly	Greenwood
Washington G. Tucker	William Ferson	Gloucester
William J. Kavanagh	Winthrop	Winthrop
Wilbur A. Searle	Worcester	Worcester

After a ballot the Companions named were each declared duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood, and with the exception of E.·. Charles E. Fogg of Newton Chapter, who was not present, they were duly anointed and set apart as High Priests of the Order of Melchizedek. The forty-one Companions then signed the By-Laws and became members of the Convention.

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By unanimous ballot the following Companions were elected officers for the ensuing year and were duly installed by R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent:

M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis . . .	Excellent President
R.·. E.·. Charles E. Prior . .	Vice-President
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	Treasurer
M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Secretary
R.·. E.·. Henry S. Bunton . .	Chaplain
R.·. E.·. James S. Blake . . .	Master of Ceremonies
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . .	Conductor
E.·. Charles F. Watts . .	Herald
E.·. Simeon Cragin . . .	Sentinel

No further business being presented the Convention was closed and the Companions repaired to the Banquet Hall, where the customary banquet was served, after which Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain of our Grand Chapter, gave a very interesting address. He said the mission of Masonry was to make better men and better citizens, the need of which was never so emphatic as at the present time. He mentioned the significance of the emblems of the Order and the lessons taught by them, and that the standards of Masonry should be accepted as the guiding motives of our daily lives.

The address was heartily applauded and was followed by the Companions joining in singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" in remembrance of our former President, M.·. E.·. and Rev. John W. Dadmun.

A true record.

Frederick T. Comee
Secretary.

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OF

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED TO DECEMBER 1, 1920

BY

FREDERICK T. COMEE, P.·. G.·. H.·. P.·.

ALABAMA 1919

NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER 1, 2

71 CHAPTERS 8136 MEMBERS 1983 GAIN

60 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, JOSEPH D. MATLOCK

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN P. MELVIN, Tuscaloosa

Grand Secretary, GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of dispensations to form new Chapters at Athens, Florence, Greenville, Lineville, Hartford, Fairview and Anniston and to reorganize Chapters at Enterprise, Langdale and Camden.

He made but one decision, viz., that a Master Mason should reside in the jurisdiction twelve months before receiving the Chapter Degrees. There was no Grand Chapter law on the subject and the Grand High Priest in his decision followed the Grand Lodge law which the Committee on Jurisprudence approved but presented a By-Law, that was adopted, making the time six months, the same as in our Grand Chapter.

This resolution was adopted.

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, charged with the duty of presenting to this Grand Chapter a plan of procedure whereby the principles of Masonry and American citizenship shall be more thoroughly and efficiently translated into national life in

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order to promote the welfare, safety and perpetuity of our Republic.''

The entire membership of the Masonic Fraternity should be interested in the spirit of that resolution.

Another resolution that was adopted may be interesting:

''*Resolved*, That any deviation from, diminution of, or additions to the method of conferring any of the Chapter Degrees prescribed by the ritual shall be deemed a violation of Capitular law, and shall work a forfeiture of the Charter of the offending Chapter.''

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 15, 1918	Balance	$2,765.97
	Receipts	8,741.25
		$11,507.22
	Disbursements	6,140.56
November 15, 1919	Balance	$5,366.66
	In Grand Secretary's hands . .	2,061.00
	Assets	$7,427.66

Charters were granted six Chapters, viz., Cyprus, No. 6, Clinton, No. 9, Greenville, No. 90, Hartford, No. 151, Fairview, No. 152, and Calhoun, No. 153.

The Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Council of High Priests was held December 2 and twenty-three Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order.

R.·. E.·. George A. Beauchamp, President.

M.·. E.·. Basil M. Hill, Recorder.

''On account of professional duties and personal illness the correspondent was unable to complete his report.'' I was sorry to find a page devoted to the foregoing announcement and am glad to see that M.·. E.·. Companion Lee was present at the Annual Convocation of the Grand

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Chapter, indicating, I hope, a complete restoration of his health.

ALBERTA 1920

SIXTH ANNUAL — CALGARY, MARCH 10, 11

21 CHAPTERS — 2244 MEMBERS — 333 GAIN

20 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand Z. presiding, MELVIN M. DOWNEY

Grand Z. elected, NORMAN T. MACLEOD, Lethbridge

Grand Scribe E., JOHN E. JOHNSON, Calgary

The Grand Z. reported the constitution of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, at Strathmore, and the institution of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, at Didsbury, Coronation Chapter, at Coronation, and Crescent Chapter, at Calgary. He visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction at least once, making a total of forty-one visits.

I understand the Grand Superintendents of the Districts (there are five Districts) to be practically the same as our District Deputy Grand High Priests, only the Superintendents are elected, in rotation, by the Chapters of each District while our District Deputies are chosen and appointed by our Grand High Priest, which I consider the better way. They are his personal representatives, chosen by him from those whom he knows to be capable of that representation, interested and active workers who are agreeable to him and who will be perfectly loyal in carrying out (or endeavoring to do so) any suggestion he may make. That the Grand Z. has a somewhat similar opinion is shown by this excerpt from his "Observations."

"The prevailing custom of electing the Superintendents from Chapters in rotation is wrong, and I would strongly urge that only qualified and enthusiastic Past Principals and who are in attendance at Grand Chapter, be elected to this office."

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On recommendation of the Committee on Warrants, warrants (charters) were granted the Chapters U.·. D.·. at Didsbury, Coronation and Calgary.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1, 1919	Balance	$1,261.67
	Receipts	2,412.78
		$3,674.45
	Disbursements	2,363.89
March 1, 1920	Balance	$1,310.56

A Convention of Anointed High Priests was organized and thirty-seven Companions were consecrated in due and ancient form.

M.·. E.·. M. M. Downey, President.

R.·. E.·. J. E. Johnson, Recorder.

The report of the "Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence" is in topical form. It is said to be a review of forty-eight Grand Chapters, eight of them for two years, and covers eighteen pages. The matter given is good but it certainly does not contain all that would be interesting and instructive that is to be found in the fifty-six volumes it is said to review.

ARIZONA 1920

THIRTIETH ANNUAL — PHOENIX FEBRUARY 11

10 CHAPTERS — 1013 MEMBERS — 99 GAIN

10 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, FREDERICK P. CRUICE

Grand High Priest elected, EDWIN A. HUGHES, Tombstone

Grand Secretary, GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Tucson

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and businesslike, mentioning only matters of local interest.

The Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened at two o'clock and the Convocation of the Order of High

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Priesthood was opened in the same hall at five o'clock. Apparently the Grand Chapter business was easily and quickly disposed of, indicating a harmonious gathering.

The report of the receipt and distribution of the new General Grand Chapter Rituals indicates its adoption by the Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 8, 1919	Balance	$859.06
	Receipts	1,823.50
		$2,682.56
	Disbursements	904.86
February 7, 1920	Balance	$1,777.70
	Investments	8,000.00
	Assets	$9,777.70

The Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a sufficient number of M.·. E.·. William F. Kuhn's pamphlet entitled "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree" for distribution among the Chapters.

The Annual Convocation of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held February 11 at five o'clock P.M. and seven Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

R.·. E.·. Arioch Wentworth, President.

M.·. E.·. George J. Roskruge, Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

ARKANSAS 1919

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL — LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER 20

85 CHAPTERS — 5426 MEMBERS — 334 GAIN

58 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, DAVID I. MILLS

Grand High Priest elected, EDGAR A. MCCULLOCH, Little Rock

Grand Secretary, JOHN C. BONE, Batesville

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In his excellent address the Grand High Priest wisely said "A dormant Chapter in a community is a greater detriment to Royal Arch Masonry than its absence would be." He corresponded with the officers of several Chapters that were in an unsatisfactory condition and did all that was in his power to assist in improving that condition. He arrested the charters of Huntsville Chapter, No. 20, Bauxite Chapter, No. 121, Barber Chapter, No. 29, and Yellville Chapter, No. 95, and reported the issue of dispensations to form two new Chapters, Victory Chapter, at Dumas, and Chicot Chapter, at Eudora. On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a charter was granted Victory Chapter and the dispensation to Chicot Chapter continued.

I am glad to find in the address a positive expression of disapproval of the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter containing the following, which I confidently believe to be a fair statement of the opinion held by our own Grand Chapter.

> "The General Grand Chapter, in my opinion, is now enjoying all of the authority necessary to serve the purpose for which it was organized and, if its usefulness is to continue, attempt should not be made to usurp powers and authority justly belonging to Grand Chapters."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the opinion of the Grand High Priest and their report was adopted by the Grand Chapter. I hope the Grand Chapter of Arkansas will send a full delegation to the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter instructed to vote against the adoption of its proposed constitution. I believe they will find that a sufficient number of delegates will oppose any article that encroaches on the independence and sovereignty of the State Grand Chapters to prevent its adoption.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 20, 1918	Balance	$3,523.30
	Receipts	4,891.27
		$8,414.57
	Disbursements	3,437.89
November 19, 1919	Balance	$4,976.68
	Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
	Assets	$9,976.68

The Report of Committee on Correspondence of twenty-four pages is a brief review of forty-five Grand Chapters, fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1918 occupying a half-page. No signature is attached to the report, but I understand its author to be E.·. John Q. Wolf, whose name appears in the list of officers as Grand Marshal, and M.·. E.·. Mark P. Olney is named as the Committee on Correspondence, whose report will probably appear in the 1920 Proceedings.

BRITISH COLUMBIA 1919

FIRST ANNUAL VANCOUVER, JUNE 18

17 CHAPTERS

12 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Grand Z., HARRY H. WATSON, Vancouver

Grand Scribe E., J. W. PRESCOTT, Vancouver

The organization of this Grand Chapter occurred at this Convocation. Officers and committees were elected and appointed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA 1920

SECOND ANNUAL VANCOUVER, JUNE 3

17 CHAPTERS 1742 MEMBERS . GAIN NOT GIVEN

17 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Grand Z. presiding, HARRY H. WATSON

Grand Z. elected, E. B. PAUL, Victoria

Grand Scribe E., J. W. PRESCOTT, Vancouver

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This being the birthday of "His Most Gracious Majesty, King George V, the National Anthem was sung by those present."

One of the letters or telegrams read was from the representative of the Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Martin J. Pleschinger expressing greetings and best wishes.

In his address the Grand Z. gave a very encouraging report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction, lost interest was being regained, dormant Chapters gathering new life and new Chapters being considered. He wisely suggested as a good rule, one Chapter to four good Craft lodges as sufficient, because dormant Chapters should be avoided if possible. He reported the names of twenty-nine Grand Chapters that at that time had given them fraternal recognition. Two "Rulings" were reported, one that the degrees could be conferred on a Brother whose right elbow had been shot away in the Great War and one that Chapters could not meet with other societies to assist in financing a public hospital.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

	Receipts (including $1,000 from the Grand Chapter of Canada) .	$2,627.43
	Disbursements	902.42
June, 1920	Balance	$1,725.01

One of the Grand Superintendents reported that the members of the Chapters in his District were nearly unanimous in favor of adopting the Past Master Degree in the British Columbia Ritual.

A Report on Foreign Correspondence of twenty-eight pages, by R.·. E.·. J. W. Prescott, which probably reviews the Grand Chapters whose proceedings had been received and gives an impression that it was prepared by a veteran correspondent, forms the conclusion and the Grand Chap-

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ter is entitled to congratulations on the quality, arrangement and general appearance of its first printed proceedings.

CALIFORNIA 1920

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 20, 21
124 CHAPTERS 15,214 MEMBERS 1001 GAIN
95 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, ELMER H. MCGOWEN
Grand High Priest elected, HARRY MAUNDRELL, San Francisco
Grand Secretary, THOMAS A. DAVIES, San Francisco

Ten survivors of the earthquake and fire of 1906 were called west of the altar and given an appreciative reception.

The High Priest of a Chapter wrote the Grand High Priest about a Dispensation for conferring the Mark Degree on a large class in a quarry and the Grand High Priest replied as follows:

"Referring to your proposed meeting in August next, I would suggest to you that you can probably hold this meeting without the necessity of any Dispensation whatever, provided, you open your Lodge of Mark Master Masons in your regular Chapter Hall, having the constitutional number present at the opening.

"The High Priest and Officers can then proceed to any convenient place or hall which is capable of being properly tiled and confer the degree of Mark Master; a sufficient number returning to your Chapter Hall immediately after the ceremony and closing the Lodge of Mark Masters.

"I suggest this method to you, as I have quite a considerable doubt as to the propriety or legality of a Dispensation for the purpose of this meeting; but I feel confident that within the limitations of this letter, your High Priest and Officers can accomplish your purpose without it."

A similar request from another Chapter received practically the same reply and both received the approval of

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the Jurisprudence Committee, from which it appears that by following that procedure Chapters may move about at their will and pleasure. If an irregular act is legal I cannot understand why a Dispensation (or permission) to do that act is illegal or improper.

Another "decision" which received approval by the Committee on Jurisprudence was this:

> "The mere fact that charges have been preferred, or directed by the Chapters to be preferred, does not deprive the member of his right to withdraw" (dimit).

In Massachusetts a Companion with charges preferred against him is not entitled to a dimit.

Dispensations were reported to form two new Chapters, Exeter Chapter at Exeter and Healdsburg Chapter at Healdsburg.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2, 1919	Balance	$12,478.50
	Receipts	13,239.71
		$25,718.21
	Disbursements	12,800.19
April 19, 1920	Balance	$12,918.02
	Masonic Temple stock	60,000.00
	Liberty Loan Bonds	8,500.00
	Assets	$81,418.02

The financial account of the Grand Secretary (receipts and disbursements) covers nearly five pages, while the Treasurer's report occupies less than a half page—practically same as above. The Grand Secretary makes the detailed financial report which is made by our Grand Treasurer and I excerpt from the report of the Finance Committee:

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"No bond is exacted of the Grand Treasurer for the reason that all moneys collected by the Grand Secretary are deposited direct in bank to the credit of Grand Chapter, thereby relieving the Grand Treasurer of the responsibility of handling the funds."

After receiving the approval of the Finance Committee the following resolution was adopted:

"*Whereas,* The $5,000 par value of United States government bonds heretofore appropriated by the Grand Chapter for the erection of a vocational building for boys at the Masonic Home or Covina is insufficient under present conditions:

"*Resolved,* That the Grand Chapter at this session appropriate an additional sum of $3,500 par value in United States government bonds, or such portion thereof as may be necessary to erect the building."

The Sixty-first Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests was held April 20 at 8 o'clock P.M., and forty-seven High Priests and Past High Priests were anointed to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Charles L. Patton, President.

R.·. E.·. Thomas A. Davies, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence of fifty-eight pages by Companion Hugh K. McKevitt is in topical form, consisting almost entirely of excerpts from addresses of Grand High Priests and Correspondence Reports contained in the printed proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters. The selections indicate excellent taste and judgment and present much interesting matter.

CANADA 1920

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL — TORONTO, FEBRUARY 25

151 CHAPTERS — 20,624 MEMBERS — 220 GAIN

92 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand Z.·. W. N. PONTON, Belleville, Ont., reëlected

Grand Scribe E.·. HENRY T. SMITH, Toronto, Ont.

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The Grand Z. gave a most excellent address. He reported the consecration of two Chapters, Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, at Timmins, Ont., and Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, at Toronto. He referred to the fact that the increase in membership had more than met the decrease caused by the withdrawal of sixteen Chapters with one thousand four hundred and seventy-three members to form the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. While the net gain is given as two hundred and twenty, the actual admissions were two thousand one hundred and forty-three, showing a very prosperous year, and the Grand Z. predicts a membership of over twenty-five thousand in 1922, adding these words — "What a concerted power for good in building up Canada on a firm, well ordered and productive basis."

The reports of the Superintendents of the twenty-four districts give very satisfactory accounts of the Capitular conditions in the jurisdiction.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 31, 1919	Balance	$8,796.13
	Receipts	17,838.15
		$26,634.28
	Disbursements*	17,967.27
January 31, 1920	Balance	$8,667.01
	Investments	38,476.83
		$47,143.84

The Committee on Benevolence presented applications for relief amounting to $2,030 and recommended that the grants be made. So voted.

* $1590, Benevolence. $1000, Gift to Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

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Warrants (Charters) were granted Vimy Chapter, No. 214, at Inwood, Ont., and Mimico Chapter, No. 215, at Mimico, Ont.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry gives this warning:

"Lessened production has gone hand in hand with reckless extravagance. There has been great apparent business prosperity, much of which was due to immense expenditure of public money by Governments from funds raised by loans which mortgage the future. . . . Business depression will follow the present activity and Chapters will be well advised to reduce their liabilities and increase their assets that they may be in a strong financial position should the change affect their membership or increase their outstanding dues."

Good advice for Chapters in this country as well as for those in Canada.

The fifth Report on Foreign Correspondence by R.·. E.·. Edward B. Brown is a very good synopsis of the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Chapters (Massachusetts not one of them), from which much information may be obtained. Companion Brown is an easy, interesting writer and his Grand Chapter has expressed its appreciation of his services by increasing the work assigned to him by electing him Grand Historian.

COLORADO 1919

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL — DENVER, OCTOBER 9

48 CHAPTERS — 6599 MEMBERS — 324 GAIN

46 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, HERBERT S. SANDS

Grand High Priest elected, MARSHALL H. VAN FLEET, Alamosa

Grand Secretary, CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Denver

In his address the Grand High Priest reported six dispensations to "give the lecture of the Royal Arch Degree to two or more trios at one and the same time" and

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one to hold an election to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the High Priest of a Chapter. In Massachusetts the delivery of the lecture is not limited to one trio and on the death of a High Priest the King assumes the duties of that office.

He mentioned two "Educational Meetings," one at Denver and one at Colorado Springs. At the former two thousand five hundred Master Masons were present and listened to an able and instructive address on Capitular Masonry by M.·. E.·. William F. Kuhn, the Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Similar gatherings would, without doubt, prove beneficial in every Capitular Jurisdiction.

In Colorado the lecture on the Royal Arch Degree may be "delivered or read." In my opinion reading any part of an initiative service detracts from its impressiveness.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

September 19, 1918	Balance	$4,898.16
	Receipts	6,742.62
		$11,640.78
	Disbursements	5,468.22
October 7, 1919	Balance	$6,172.56
	Investments	16,340.00
	Assets	$22,512.56

By unanimous vote an invitation will be given the General Grand Chapter to hold a Triennial Convocation in Denver "at such time as shall best suit its convenience."

An application for a dispensation to organize a new Chapter at Brighton was granted and recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland was postponed.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood

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met October 9 at 5.30 o'clock and thirteen duly elected Companions were set apart to the Order.

M.·. E.·. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, President.

R.·. E.·. Charles H. Jacobson, Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence of over one hundred pages by M.·. E.·. Ernest LeNeve Foster is his thirty-second report, which I think is a larger number of Capitular Correspondence Reports than can be credited to any other living correspondent. Like his preceding reports it contains much that is instructive and interesting and should be read by every Companion in Colorado. Massachusetts 1918 received consideration covering nearly two pages.

CONNECTICUT 1920

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL HARTFORD, MAY 11
40 CHAPTERS 11,549 MEMBERS 778 GAIN
38 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, ERNEST F. SWEENY
Grand High Priest elected, HENRY R. TISDALE, New London
Grand Secretary, GEORGE A. KIES, Hartford

The Grand High Priest's address was confined to a strictly businesslike report of his administration.

Under "Decisions," replying to a High Priest who asked if he could join two "teams" after passing the veils, he ruled: "Three and three only can be exalted at one and the same time. There is no place in working the R. A. where it would be proper to 'double up' as proposed." In several jurisdictions it is allowed. He also ruled that a Brother who lost a part of a leg after he became a Mason and was wearing an artificial one, was not eligible for Chapter Degrees, as "the same ruling applies as applies to a candidate for the Symbolic Degrees, viz., 'A candidate should be hale and sound.'" Under that ruling a brother with false teeth or a glass eye or without an appendix is

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not eligible for Capitular Degrees. If an equal *moral* perfection was required, I am afraid many of us would not be Royal Arch Masons. Some one has said: "A candidate with a wooden leg is better than one with a wooden head," and I agree with him.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 13, 1919	Balance	$5,123.00
	Receipts	3,494.80
		$8,617.80
	Disbursements	3,813.03
May 11, 1920	Balance	$4,804.77
	Contingent Account	342.85
	In Trustees' Hands	3,801.79
	Assets	$8,949.41

The "Per Capita Tax" was changed from thirty to thirty-five cents, which will add about six hundred dollars to the receipts.

A special committee was appointed to consider the proposed constitution for the General Grand Chapter and recommend possible instructions to the representatives and the means that can be adopted to secure the attendance of the Past Grand High Priests at the coming Triennial of that General Grand Body.

The record of our Annual Convocation, contained in this volume, will tell our Connecticut Companions the position taken by our Grand Chapter in the matter.

Apparently there is a fine for Chapters failing to answer the roll-call. Two Chapters absent the entire session and one Chapter absent at roll-call had the "usual fine imposed" by vote. Not a bad idea.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests assembled

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May 11 and twenty qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

E.·. William L. Larash, President.

M.·. E.·. Frank W. Beardsley, Recorder.

I congratulate the Grand Chapter of Connecticut on retaining the services of M.·. E.·. George A. Kies as Committee on Correspondence. He wanted to be relieved, but the Grand Chapter said "No," and he loyally remained at his post. The resigning bug probably whispers in the ears of every Correspondent occasionally. I have heard him quite recently, but up to this time have been able to drive him away.

Companion Kies always writes interesting reports and does not hesitate to express his opinions, which is just what I like. His friendly consideration of Massachusetts 1919 occupies two pages containing excerpts that have his approval. I hope to meet him with a full delegation from his Grand Chapter at Asheville.

DELAWARE 1920

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL WILMINGTON, JANUARY 21

4 CHAPTERS 1760 MEMBERS 230 GAIN

4 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, W. FRANK SHARP

Grand High Priest elected, GEORGE L. DICKERSON, Wilmington

Grand Secretary, STUART J. HORN, Wilmington

In his address the Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Dover, otherwise the address is only of local interest.

The attendance of the representatives of thirty-five Grand Chapters is recorded, which may indicate a greater appreciation of the appointment than is manifested in our own and some other jurisdictions, but so far as attendance at Grand Chapter convocations is concerned and the

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convenience and cost of transportation, Delaware has a great advantage over states that are very much larger in area.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

January 15, 1919	Balance	$279.07
	Receipts	1,292.33
		$1,571.40
	Disbursements	1,052.90
January 21, 1920	Balance	$518.50
	Savings Fund and Investments	540.82
	Total	$1,059.32

The Report of the Grand Instructor contains that which I wish might be incorporated in a report of some officer or committee in every Grand Chapter. It is this: "I have examined all of the elective officers in this jurisdiction, and find them all proficient in the work." How much better that is than a report that Chapters are not able to do the work without outside help.

Committees were appointed to review the revised ritual and the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter. If the latter is adopted at the Triennial Convocation of that Body next year it will have the authority to order the use of that ritual in every Grand Chapter affiliated with it.

The Report on Correspondence, the fourth by R.·. E.·. Thomas J. Day (Deputy Grand High Priest 1893), of fifty-seven pages, is a concise fraternal review of forty-six Grand Chapters, three-quarters of a page being given Massachusetts 1918 without comment.

A Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held in Wilmington, January 5, and five qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. A. Henry Berlin, President.

R.·. E.·. Charles McIntire, Recorder.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1920

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 11
13 CHAPTERS 4456 MEMBERS 659 GAIN
13 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, EMMETT M. CARTER
Grand High Priest elected, FRANK F. MAJOR, Washington
Grand Secretary, ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, Washington

Under the caption "Condition of the Craft" the Grand High Priest says: "The revival in Capitular Masonry which began in 1918 has gathered greatly increased momentum in the year just closed and the prosperity our Chapters have enjoyed has gone beyond our most optimistic expectations." The same condition has prevailed in nearly every Grand Chapter in this country — who can tell how long this prosperity is to continue? I certainly cannot but I firmly believe that the Chapters of every Grand Jurisdiction should now be extremely cautious in accepting applications and in managing their financial affairs to be prepared for a much less prosperous time, which may be reasonably expected in a not very distant future.

I give an excerpt from the Grand High Priest's address:

"The work of the year was brought to a whirlwind finish on December 30, 1919, when a 'Royal Arch Celebration' was held at Masonic Temple under the auspices of the High Priests' Association, and degrees were conferred for all the Chapters upon eligible candidates. The work began at 2 o'clock P.M., when Washington Chapter, No. 2, conferred the degree of Mark Master upon 50 candidates. At 4 o'clock Eureka Chapter, No. 4, conferred the Past Master degree upon 74 candidates and the Most Excellent Master degree upon 75 candidates. At 6 o'clock Columbia Chapter, No. 1, Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, Eureka Chapter, No. 4, and La Fayette Chapter, No. 5, conferred the Royal Arch degree upon 45, 30, 18, and 42 candidates, respectively. The work on the last 'trio' in La Fayette Chapter was performed by the officers of the Grand Chapter, R. E. Companion Frank F. Major presiding and the Grand High Priest

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delivering the charge. A dinner was served at 6 o'clock in the banquet room of the Temple, and at the conclusion of the work an entertainment was staged in the Auditorium."

Such a "celebration" does not appeal to me nor does the issue of dispensations to hurry candidates through the degrees. My age and old time memories may account for some of my Masonic opinions.

An appeal by the Grand High Priest to the Chapters in the jurisdiction for coöperation in a "drive" for the Salvation Army resulted in contributions amounting to two hundred and sixteen dollars.

In 1911 this Grand Chapter voted to contribute twenty-five per cent of the dues received from the constituent Chapters for ten years to the Building Fund of the Masonic Home and the last payment made a total payment of nine thousand forty-three dollars. The Grand High Priest recommended the continuance of the contribution for another ten years, commencing with 1921, to be applied to the Endowment Fund of the Home. The recommendation received the approval of the committee on the address and adoption by the Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 12, 1919	Balance	$5,239.14
	Receipts	11,423.78
		$16,662.92
	Disbursements	12,918.38
February 11, 1920	Balance	$3,744.54
	Bonds	8,100.00
	Assets	$11,844.54

The Convention of Anointed High Priests was held February 14, when thirteen High Priests were elected to

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receive the Order which was conferred on six of them at a convention held March 19.

E. Harry L. Myers, President.

Richard A. Roseberry, Secretary.

The Correspondence Report by R.·. E.·. Roe Fulkerson (he is Grand Scribe now) is as interesting as ever until the review of Colorado, containing notice that it is his last report, is reached. From that point a feeling of sadness and regret is attached to the remainder of the report, frequently emphasized by allusions to that unpleasant fact. He will be missed more than any other correspondent because he is different from any other. His method of expressing his ideas is entirely different from my own but our opinions very closely agree and I have a strong personal respect and regard for him. In his Conclusion he says, "For ten years I have gone the rounds of the Capitular world. . . . It is getting to be *work.*" I agree with him and evidently we have had similar thoughts concerning it. He says his successor will be M.·. E.·. William W. Jermane, G.·. H.·. P.·. 1917 — he calls him "Billy Jermane" and it sounds good to me. I hope to meet both Companions at Asheville next September or earlier if circumstances permit it.

FLORIDA 1920

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL JACKSONVILLE, May 18, 19

41 CHAPTERS 4,499 MEMBERS 1139 GAIN

33 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM V. CARTER

Grand High Priest elected, H. O. SNOW, Tampa

Grand Secretary, WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville

The Grand High Priest reported three dispensations to form new Chapters, Highland Chapter, at Avon Park, Crestview Chapter, at Crestview, and Winter Haven Chapter, at Winter Haven, and the Grand Secretary names a

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fourth, Bay County Chapter, at Panama City. Each of them applied for a charter, which, on recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, was granted on condition that each charter be held by the Grand Secretary until certain corrections have been made in each of the applications.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 20, 1919	Balance	$12,389.95
	Receipts	5,810.14
		$18,200.09
	Disbursements	6,010.75
May 17, 1920	Balance	$12,189.34

"Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter" and the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees were conferred on a Brother for Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12. Later in the session "The Grand Chapter Committee on Work exemplified the Royal Arch Degree in accordance with the revised Ritual of the General Grand Chapter" and a unanimous vote was passed that the ritual, as exemplified by the committee, "be not adopted."

The committee appointed at the last convocation to examine the proposed constitution for the General Grand Chapter presented a report in which they recommended that the representatives of the Grand Chapter be requested to vote against its adoption. Report adopted.

Unless I am greatly mistaken the Grand Chapter of Florida will find that a large number of Grand Chapters will oppose the adoption of that constitution.

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held in Plant City, February 9, and four eligible Companions were duly consecrated. The Annual Convention met in Jacksonville, May 19, when sixteen High Priests were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

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M.·. E.·. Olin S. Weight, President.

M.·. E.·. W. P. Webster, Secretary.

Excellent Ely P. Hubbell's idea of a Fraternal Correspondence Report very closely agrees with my own and his is one of the best reports that have reached me this year. It is in narrative form, covering one hundred and forty-nine pages of interesting and instructive matter. His consideration of Massachusetts 1919 occupies four pages. He is correct in presuming that "live wires" (actual candidates) are not used at our exemplifications. Companions represent the candidates and the work can be interrupted, if desired, for comment or suggestion, without injuring its impressiveness on a candidate. Our Grand Chapter does not confer degrees.

He refers to the report of our Committee on Charters and By-Laws as saying we have no prescribed form for applications for membership. If the word *only* followed "membership" its meaning might be a little clearer. We have a form for applications for the degrees but have none for *affiliation*, or simply membership. Our committee feels there is a little difference between a suspended member and one who has ceased to be a member, that only a discharged or dimitted member has ceased to be a member and the committee therefore prefers to have a By-Law read that a delinquent in the payment of dues "may be suspended."

I could enjoy spending much time with Companion Hubbell's report but my own report is far from being complete and my time very short, so I must deny myself that pleasure.

GEORGIA 1920

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MACON, APRIL 28, 29

156 CHAPTERS 15,122 MEMBERS 3225 GAIN

123 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, ANDREW S. HURVEY

Grand High Priest elected, JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, Atlanta

Grand Secretary, EDGAR A. MCHAN, Macon

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The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of Rossville Chapter, No. 149, at Rossville, and assisting in conferring the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees on fifty-four candidates. At other visitations he reports assisting in conferring degrees, which I have never known a Grand High Priest to do in Massachusetts. He also reported the constitution (we would call it institution) of new Chapters at Doerun, Chamblee, High Shoals and Rutledge, and, on recommendation of the Committee on Charters, each of them was granted a charter later in the session. A charter was also given a Chapter in Glenwood.

The Grand High Priest believes in an annual inspection of every Chapter and suggests this plan:

> "Let every Chapter be furnished in advance with a list of the points upon which they will be examined, and let them be assured that at some time during the year the Grand High Priest, or some Grand Officer named by him, will visit their Chapter, and make a careful, faithful report of their work, etc., and you will witness all over the state a marvelous improvement in every respect."

What would he think of the plan used in Massachusetts, where, in addition to at least one visit to each Chapter, we have in each district (comprised of not over seven Chapters) a District Chapter of Instruction, at which the work is performed by the officers of the Chapters. The officers come together without knowing what part of the work they will have assigned to them. They simply know the work and lectures of two degrees will be given and that they are expected to be able to perform any portion that the Grand Lecturer may require of them. The fact that the Chapters in Georgia require so much assistance in their work leads me to feel that such a procedure would not be regarded favorably.

The five pages that form the conclusion of the Grand High Priest's address are exceptionally fine and I wish they could be read in every one of our Chapters. I admire his idea of the true Spirit of Masonry.

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The report of the Grand Lecturer, who is also Grand Secretary, creates amazement at the amount of work he is able to perform. He traveled about twenty thousand miles, made one hundred and eighty-four visits, assisted in conferring degrees as follows: Mark, seven hundred and eighty-seven, Past, eight hundred and twenty-four, Most Excellent, nine hundred and eleven, and Royal Arch, nine hundred and eighty-two. He also assisted in conferring the Council Degrees on six hundred and seventy-seven candidates, constituted six Councils, instituted eleven new Councils and revived one that was dormant.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

April 30, 1919	Balance	$15,586.90
	Receipts	22,967.41
		$38,554.31
	Disbursements	14,920.35
April 28, 1920	Balance	$23,633.96
	Masonic Home Fund	3,000.00
	Assets	$26,633.96

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled April 27 at 8.30 P.M., and thirty-five qualified Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Robert L. Colding, President.

R.·. E.·. Edgar A. McHan, Recorder.

The able Correspondence Report of seventy-two pages is by Rev. Charles L. Bass, who last year was in France connected with Y.M.C.A. War Work. His review of Massachusetts 1919 occupies nearly a full page and contains no unfavorable comment.

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IDAHO 1920

TWELFTH ANNUAL — BOISE, MAY 13, 14
21 CHAPTERS — 1811 MEMBERS — 94 GAIN
20 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM WALLIN
Grand High Priest elected, LEWIS W. ENSIGN, Boise
Grand Secretary, PERRY C. MARSHALL, Boise

This singular paragraph attracts attention:

"Before the opening of the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest requested Companion Fralick to introduce to the Grand Chapter the Grand Chapter Officers and all the Companions present, which was done."

I am in doubt about the attendance of Grand Representatives. A complete list of them (55) is given and those present were asked to step in front of the Altar as their names were called, but there is no record of those who responded. If the whole number was present it certainly was a record breaker for Representative attendance.

The Grand High Priest's address, covering twenty-two pages, contains much that I would like to include here that is very interesting, but space and time forbid it.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 21, 1919	Balance	$3,496.04
	Receipts	2,586.25
		$6,082.29
	Disbursements	2,075.59
May 13, 1920	Balance	$4,006.70

At the close of the report of the Grand Secretary, I found the statement that the burden of the work of the office had become such that he felt obliged to relinquish the position, which did not surprise me, as I had learned of

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his promotion to the highest office in the gift of his Companions and, even at this late day, I congratulate him and wish him a full measure of success in his exalted position.

In accepting the present of a watch the retiring Grand High Priest gave a little information about the law of his Grand Chapter when he said the presentation was no surprise to him, as "By the present laws of our Grand Chapter it is incumbent upon the retiring Grand High Priest to choose between a badge, a ring, or a watch," and his wishes had been consulted.

The Fraternal Correspondence is by Companion George E. Knepper, a new Correspondent, whose work shows him to be perfectly qualified for the position. Figuratively I grasp his hand with a warm fraternal greeting.

His fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1919 covers a page and a half. He quotes what our Grand High Priest said about having notices of each convocation of our Chapters sent the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary and says:

> "The above is probably all right, but not from our viewpoint. In many Chapters the membership is widely scattered, many members residing without the Grand Jurisdiction. There might, however, be some reason for sending notices of 'every Convocation' to the Grand High Priest, but what the Grand Secretary would do with such notices aside from consigning them to the waste basket is more than we can comprehend."

Idaho has over ten times the area of Massachusetts and about one-ninth as large a population, therefore conditions Masonically and otherwise vary greatly. I read with great admiration of a Companion in Idaho going seventy-five miles over mountainous roads to attend a Chapter convocation, and then think of Companions in Massachusetts who object to going two miles over good sidewalks for the same purpose and want new Chapters nearer their homes;

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and I think, too, that what may be advisable or even necessary in Idaho might be injurious in Massachusetts, and vice versa, because of vastly different conditions. The compactness of our memberships and closeness of our Chapters make it very desirable, for general convenience, that the Grand Secretary be able to furnish information, when desired, as to the work to be performed in different Chapters, and the notices do not go into his waste basket until after the date of the convocation of which they give notice.

Companion Knepper will undoubtedly find other customs with us and in other eastern states that seem strange to him which he would see from a different viewpoint if he was familiar with existing conditions.

ILLINOIS 1919

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL — CHICAGO, OCTOBER 30, 31
217 CHAPTERS 52,463 MEMBERS 4071 GAIN
197 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM C. SOMMER
Grand High Priest elected, FRANK SPENCER, Cairo
Grand Secretary, JAMES E. JEFFERS, Springfield

In his address the Grand High Priest reported the constitution and dedication of Liberty Chapter, No. 251, at Chicago. He granted twenty-seven requests from other jurisdictions to have degrees conferred in Illinois, one being from Massachusetts for "Park Chapter of Nantie." There is no "Park Chapter" and no town or city named "Nantie" in Massachusetts. The request was for Parker Chapter of Natick — evidently a typographical error. The Grand Chapter of Illinois made similar requests to twenty-eight Grand Chapters but Massachusetts had no opportunity to reciprocate the courtesy.

The reports of the twenty-seven District Inspectors indicate a generally favorable condition of the Chapters.

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The following quotations from Inspectors' reports might apply in many other jurisdictions: "There is still room for improvement in Chapter work. Schools are not well attended." "In most Chapters the amount of horseplay which has been prevalent has been reduced considerably." "Few of the Chapters in this District have been represented at the schools. . . . In some instances there is room for improvement." "The work in some of the Chapters is not up to standard desired." "One Chapter did not have a resident Sojourner who could do the work for a number of years. . . . Another Chapter has not had a Sojourner since it was instituted without importing one." "It is evident to me that there is still much room for further improvement."

Such remarks from inspecting officers show that the Grand Chapter of Illinois is no nearer perfection than some of the smaller Grand Chapters. All are striving for improvements and all are liable to the same trials.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 16, 1918	Balance	$17,251.67
	Receipts	32,618.15
		$49,869.82
	Disbursements	27,891.18
October 20, 1919	Balance	$21,978.64
	Investments	30,000.00
	Assets	$51,978.64

In glancing at the "Abstract of Returns of Chapters" my attention was drawn to the small number of rejections of applications reported. Several Chapters having over 100 exaltations each, one with 265, report *no* rejections. The total exaltations was 5238 and the total rejections 25; less than ½ of 1%. In Massachusetts the rejections were over 2½% of the exaltations. The exaltations in Illinois

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equalled 10.82% of the total membership at the beginning of the year and in Massachusetts 7.35%. Similar percentages for all Grand Chapters might be interesting.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the afternoon of October 30 and fifty-three companions were consecrated.

M.·. E.·. Harry W. Harvey, President.

M.·. E.·. S. O. Spring, Recorder.

M.·. E.·. E. R. Turnbull, Grand High Priest 1914, presents his first Correspondence Report succeeding M.·. E.·. George W. Warvelle, who I think has written those reports from 1901 until this year. Companion Turnbull's report is conclusive evidence of his ability to continue giving his Grand Chapter most interesting reports. Like the Grand High Priest he claims his Grand Chapter is the best in the world, even "*better than the best*" he says in his review of Colorado, and I am glad they think so. I admire loyalty to one's own Grand Body. The fraternal review of Massachusetts 1918 occupies three pages. The address of M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince is called "a dignified and eloquent document" and a full page of it is quoted. After referring to our Grand High Priest's objection to the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which he thought due to a "feeling that it is an attempt to assume supreme authority over all forms, ceremonies and rituals," M.·. E.·. Companion Turnbull says —"A more careful study of this Constitution will show that forms, ceremonies and rituals will be imposed only on those Grand Chapters that have not adopted any such for their guidance." Can he tell where there is such a Grand Chapter? If it was not intended to give the General Grand Body absolute authority and control over the Grand Chapters what is the meaning of —

"Section 14. The General Grand Chapter shall have the power to admonish or instruct any constituent Grand Chapter."

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"Section 16. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses full and complete authority over the ritual of the several Capitular Degrees."

"Section 17. The General Grand Chapter shall have full power to see that the ancient work of the Order is duly preserved and performed in the several degrees."

If it does not mean "supreme authority over all forms, ceremonies and rituals," what does it mean, and does "the ancient work of the Order" mean the newly revised ritual of the General Grand Chapter, if so when did it become "*ancient*"? It certainly is not the ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter about 1850.

The adoption of the proposed new constitution, with its supreme authority, will most assuredly bring discord where harmony now prevails, and possibly, even probably, discord will not be its worst result.

IOWA 1919

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL — CEDAR FALLS, OCTOBER 9, 10

126 CHAPTERS — 16,813 MEMBERS — 525 GAIN

86 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, EUGENE SCHAFFTER

Grand High Priest elected, CHARLES C. HUNT, Cedar Rapids

Grand Secretary, ORVIS F. GRAVES, Harlan

The Grand High Priest's address (thirty-six pages) contains these words, which I believe worthy of careful thought:

"We may no longer cling to the past, but look to the future. We have a great work to do and if we cannot do it under the old form we must adopt new ones. . . . Masonic Lodges and Chapters must become schools of the new Americanism, of patriotism, of reconstruction, of human helpfulness. The most tremendous problems are facing us for solution and they must be solved under the forms of law, and not by revolution. As Masons we should lend all our influence to bring about this result that the American Republic may not perish from the earth."

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The epidemic of influenza caused much Capitular trouble in Iowa, as in other jurisdictions, and resulted in the issue of many Dispensations.

This Grand Chapter uses the General Grand Chapter ritual and received six hundred and forty-six copies of its revised ritual for distribution among its Chapters—five to each Chapter—at sixty cents each. Massachusetts adheres to its old ritual, therefore has no change to make.

A Chapter was not able to hold its regular convocation in December on account of the "influenza quarantine." Four of its members regularly applied for dimits in season for action at that convocation, had it been held, but as that was not possible action could not be taken until the January convocation, at which the annual dues were payable. The Grand High Priest ruled that the dimits could be granted in January without the payment of the 1919 dues, but the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported (the Grand High Priest agreeing) that under the law the ruling was an error and that the 1919 dues should be paid.

Two Brothers, each of whom had lost a hand but could use artificial hands, were declared ineligible for Chapter Degrees.

Undoubtedly the action regarding each of these decisions was in perfect accord with the Iowa law but in both of them there is an appearance of injustice. The Companions who applied for dimits did all that was required of them, strictly complied with the law and were in no way responsible for the inability of the Chapter to hold its convocation at the appointed time.

The two Brothers who had each lost a hand were entitled to and should receive sympathy and assistance in bearing their misfortune. I am not a believer in as strict an interpretation of the necessary physical requirements for the Capitular Degrees as I am for the moral and in-

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tellectual. Some one said "a wooden leg is much better than a wooden head."

On recommendation of the Grand High Priest the charter of Tyrian Chapter, No. 37, at Adel, was revoked.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

September 21, 1918	Balance	$15,515.39
	Receipts	11,813.45
		$27,328.84
	Disbursements	13,376.55
September 15, 1919	Balance	$13,952.29
	Permanent Fund	31,373.22
	Temporary Fund	1,717.16
	Assets	$47,042.67

In the "Addresses of Grand Secretaries" I find an error in spelling my name, but if the full address is used a communication would probably reach me.

The Sixty-second Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the evening of October 9, and thirty-two Excellent Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Order. The taking of it in Iowa, as in Massachusetts, is not required before the installation of a High Priest.

An instructive and interesting address on the Order of High Priesthood was given by the President, M.·. E.·. George A. Riemcke, who at its close stated that other Masonic duties that had come to him prevented his acceptance of the office of President for the ensuing year.

M.·. E.·. William D. Irvine was elected President and M.·. E.·. Edward M. Willard reëlected Recorder.

The fraternal review of forty-six Grand Chapters, covering sixty-four pages, by M.·. E.·. Edward M. Willard contains no review of Massachusetts. I always regret

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such an omission as we like "to see ourselves as others see us."

KANSAS 1920

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL TOPEKA, MARCH 15, 16
91 CHAPTERS 13,460 MEMBERS 1301 GAIN
72 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, JOHN A. FERRELL
Grand High Priest elected, JOSEPH D. FELL, Concordia
Grand Secretary, ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka

The address of the Grand High Priest is conclusive evidence that he has given careful attention to the duties of his office. He reported the issue of a dispensation for a Chapter to hold an election to fill a vacancy in the office of High Priest caused by the removal of that officer to California. In Massachusetts the King would perform the duties of the office for the remainder of the term and a dispensation would not be necessary.

The Grand High Priest considered the most urgent need in Capitular Masonry in Kansas to be closer supervision and said:

> "We need an expert organizer as well as an expert ritualist, one well informed generally in Capitular Masonry, not to go when called, but to go when he is not called; not to criticize and complain because things are not right, but to arouse enthusiasm and interest."

I think I am safe in saying that an opportunity exists in every Grand Chapter for such service.

This Grand Chapter has paid its Committee on Correspondence seventy-five dollars. It occurred to the Grand High Priest "that two hundred and fifty dollars would be a very modest remuneration for this service" and after considering the matter the Grand Chapter agreed with him and voted to pay the committee two hundred and fifty dollars.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1, 1919	Balance	$10,643.11
	Receipts	11,994.58
		$22,637.69
	Disbursements	5,997.29
February 1, 1920	Balance	$16,640.40
	Charity Fund	1,055.84
	Bonds	12,000.00
	Assets	$29,696.24

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled March 16, and forty-one qualified Companions received the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

M.·. E.·. John A. Ferrell, President.

R.·. E.·. Albert K. Wilson, Recorder.

R.·. E.·. Albert K. Wilson presented a good Report on Correspondence, a page of which is devoted to Massachusetts 1918. I congratulate him on the appreciation of his work evidenced by the increase of compensation.

KENTUCKY 1919

One Hundred and Second Annual Louisville, October 21, 22

106 Chapters 11,726 Members 1335 Gain

100 Chapters Represented

Massachusetts Represented

Grand High Priest presiding, Sidney S. Pinney

Grand High Priest elected, Samuel K. Veach, Carlisle

Grand Secretary, G. Allison Holland, Lexington

In his address the Grand High Priest referred to the loss of the Charter of Hickman Chapter by fire and a duplicate was granted the Chapter later in the session. In my opinion, it would be wise if all charters, when not in actual use, were kept in places where they are protected against loss from fire. As a Chapter advances in age its

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Charter increases in value and the same feeling never exists toward a duplicate that exists toward the original.

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of dispensations to form three new Chapters, Benton Chapter, at Benton, Corbin Chapter, at Corbin, and Morehead Chapter, at Morehead, and they were each granted a charter later in the session.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 5, 1918	Balance	$5,096.03
	Receipts	18,990.37
		$24,086.40
	Disbursements	19,418.46
October 5, 1919	Balance	$4,667.94
	Investments	18,000.00
	Educational Funds	11,000.00
	Total	$33,667.94

The work of the Educational Trustees of this Grand Chapter is worthy of consideration and I excerpt from their report:

"Since this work began, thirty-seven children have been prepared for occupations and are producing sufficient amounts to take care of and support themselves. We now have thirty-six children under our control."

I understand the children are from the Masonic Widow's and Orphan's Home. The annual contribution of the Grand Chapter to this Board was increased from one thousand dollars to fifteen hundred dollars.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the charters of Mt. Eden Chapter, No. 68, Providence Chapter, No. 72, and North Middleton Chapter, No. 26, were arrested, each of them "having violated the law."

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An amendment to the constitution of this Grand Chapter which will be acted on at the next Annual Convocation (and which I wish might be adopted in every Grand Jurisdiction) requires every one, even soldiers and sailors, to reside in the jursdiction six months, or obtain a release of jurisdiction, before applying for the Capitular Degrees. I am aware that many good Companions would oppose such a requirement for soldiers and sailors but firmly believe it would benefit rather than injure Capitular Masonry.

Another amendment that will be considered at the next Annual gives the Grand High Priest authority to grant dispensations to act on petitions for the degrees in less than the time required by the Constitution. In my opinion a candidate will have a greater respect for our Order if obliged to strictly observe its laws and feel that those laws cannot be set aside for his own or a Chapter's convenience.

The "Report on the Doings of Other Grand Chapters" by M.·. E.·. W. W. Clarke, covering thirty-eight pages, is a review of twenty-nine Grand Chapters — Massachusetts not included. In the review of Indiana, he asks, "Can the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts exercise jurisdiction over a *resident* of Kentucky regardless of time when residence began?" For his information I give one of our Particular Regulations:

ARTICLE XVIII

In order to guard more carefully that period of acquaintance and residence which is desirable, and that Chapters may be able to acquire proper knowledge as to candidates, the length of time necessary for a Mason to reside within the jurisdiction of any Chapter in the Commonwealth to be entitled to apply thereto for the Capitular Degrees, shall be not less than six months, during which time he shall be under the jurisdiction of the Chapter or Chapters where he last resided.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts would not claim jurisdiction over a brother who had actually resided in

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Kentucky whatever length of time the law of that Grand Chapter required to constitute eligibility to apply for the degrees even if it be but one month.

I am glad to find in the review of Missouri, page 207, that the M.·. E.·. Companion is apparently not in favor of the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter and hope his Grand Chapter, at the next triennial of the General Grand Body, will vote against its adoption.

LOUISIANA 1920

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL — NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 3, 4

47 CHAPTERS — 5020 MEMBERS — 461 GAIN

35 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, W. M. WASHBURN

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, Welsh

Grand Secretary, JOHN A. DAVILLA, New Orleans

In his address the Grand High Priest says, "There is an alarming lethargy among Chapter members," and suggests as a means of overcoming it "that discussions as to the meaning and teachings of the work and the historical incidents connected with it "be held at each meeting for the information of the members"; also "that the ritual be memorized and all ciphers or codes be excluded from the Chapter." Both are good suggestions. My experience has shown me that men will not regularly attend meetings to hear and see the same work done over and over again by the same persons with no additional attraction, and if the work is poorly done or read from a book I do not blame them. Intelligent and good memorized work with a companionship that will make the meetings socially attractive to the members are absolutely necessary for the success of a Masonic body.

Dispensations were reported to form two new Chapters, Horeb Chapter at Glenmora and Pointe Coupee Chapter at New Roads.

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In granting a dispensation to ballot on an application without waiting the usual time the Grand High Priest said:

"I would offer a word of caution that a man's record in the army is not necessarily a good one to base his fitness for Capitular Masonry and that your investigation should be thorough and regardless of his army record."

I firmly believe that during the war many were given Masonic degrees because the applicants were in the Army or Navy, without a proper and thorough investigation of their character in their home towns or cities before entering the service. Under the strict regulations of the Army or Navy a man may appear and act entirely different from what he would when wholly free from a governing restraint, and I wish those cautioning words of the Grand High Priest might be given careful consideration in every jurisdiction where soldiers and sailors are permitted to apply for degrees immediately on entering its territory.

The Grand High Priest devotes three pages of his address advocating the approval of the adoption of the proposed new constitution in the General Grand Chapter. He states that in the proposed constitution the authority of the General Grand Chapter over the Grand Chapters is limited, with which I cannot agree. Article XIV says: "This General Grand Chapter *shall have the power to admonish or instruct* any constituent Grand Chapter," and I am not able to find any qualification or limitation of that power. I am aware that in several instances that constitution says the General Grand Chapter has no power to do certain things "*except as herein provided,*" and Article XIV contains the authority and power to do every one of those things. He says "the only disciplinary authority assumed by the General Grand Chapter is the right of *admonition and instruction*" — what more could the Body that by the same constitution is made the supreme judi-

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cial power and court of last resort want? He says it cannot arrest the charter of a Grand Chapter. Has the Grand Chapter of Louisiana a charter? If it has it is already a subordinate body subject to a higher authority and its charter can be arrested or revoked and the Grand Chapter be declared defunct by that higher authority. I am not aware that any State Grand Chapter is working under a charter that could be arrested. The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts is not and claims to be the supreme Capitular authority in that state and, unless I am greatly mistaken, will not voluntarily (I am tempted to change that to under any condition) recognize the authority of another body to enter the state with admonition and instruction regarding Capitular matters.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 4, 1919	Balance	$2,787.00
	Receipts	5,655.00
		$8,442.00
	Disbursements	3,498.70
February 3, 1920	Balance	$4,943.30
	Investments	13,945.00
	Assets	$18,888.30

Charters were granted three Chapters, U.·. D.·. Eunice Chapter, No. 73, at Eunice, Horeb Chapter, No 74, at Glenmora, and Pointe Coupee Chapter, No. 75, at New Roads.

An appropriation of $750 per annum for three years was made to assist the Grand Commandery of Louisiana in entertaining the Grand Encampment, U. S. A., at its Triennial Conclave in New Orleans in 1922.

The Order of High Priesthood met the afternoon of February 4 and eight Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order.

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M.·. E.·. Herman C. Duncan, President.

R.·. E.·. John A. Davilla, Recorder.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M.·. E.·. Rev. Herman C. Duncan, who in thirteen pages reviews fifty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts 1918 receiving a half page. I am glad to report his approval of the opinion expressed by M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince concerning the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter and regret that every representative of his Grand Chapter does not agree with him.

MAINE 1920

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL — PORTLAND, MAY 4, 5

65 CHAPTERS — 12,660 MEMBERS — 1208 GAIN

57 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, SAMUEL B. FURBUSH

Grand High Priest elected, FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor

Grand Secretary, CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland

The Grand High Priest reported six dispensations for Chapters to hold special convocations in towns other than the ones in which they were located but within their jurisdiction. Some highly esteemed companions object to "putting Chapters on wheels" but there are conditions that may make occasional trips advisable. I would have more objection to crowding three degrees on a brother or brothers at one convocation as was done under three of the dispensations. If I could have my way a brother would not be advanced in Masonry until he could pass a creditable examination in the preceding degrees. Apparently Maine, like Massachusetts is, in my opinion, making Chapter Masons too fast.

The Grand High Priest favors having the equipments of the Chapters under the supervision of the Grand Chapter, which I consider advisable.

The reports of visitations are generally encouraging as is also the report of the Grand Lecturer.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 6, 1919	Balance	$4,953.09
	Receipts	5,083.39
		$10,036.48
	Disbursements	3,233.44
May 4, 1920	Balance	$6,803.04
	Charity Fund	20,089.71
	Assets	$26,892.75

Five copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are sent the Secretary of each Chapter and the Grand Secretary expressed the belief that the number "might consistently be cut from five to four." For his information I will say that Massachusetts is now giving but two copies of its Proceedings to a Chapter. In my opinion a large proportion of the printed Proceedings of every Grand Chapter is absolutely wasted and that a small proportion of those who receive them would purchase them at one-half their actual cost.

M.·. E.·. Companion Bodge for the committee to consider "districting the state" presented an adverse report. I wish he could see how nicely that system works in Massachusetts.

A vote was passed authorizing the Grand High Priest, if he deems it necessary, to call not exceeding three Schools of Instruction during the year. Why not let him call as many as he considers necessary? In Massachusetts twelve or fifteen are held each year with good results.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood met May 4 and thirty-eight candidates were duly anointed.

M.·. E.·. Albert M. Penley, President.

M.·. E.·. Charles B. Davis, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence is by M.·. E.·. Thomas H. Bodge and all who read those reports know that he al-

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ways gives interesting, instructive and valuable reports from which one may gather a very good idea of the Capitular transactions in other jurisdictions. He gives Massachusetts 1919 very favorable consideration with the assurance that he will fight the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter as long as I "*and then awhile.*" If we both live and are permitted to attend the Triennial of that General Grand Body at Asheville (and I sincerely hope both of us will) I can assure him that so far as I am personally concerned I shall vote against certain sections from that constitution until the opportunity ceases from their adoption or rejection and if it be from the former cause, I shall come home willing to cast a vote to maintain the dignity and sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts within the Old Bay State. Companion Bodge and I agree on many matters and I earnestly wish we might meet oftener than we have met in the past.

MARYLAND 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL BALTIMORE, NOV. 20
24 CHAPTERS 5590 MEMBERS 823 GAIN
23 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, OLIVER C. WAREHIME
Grand High Priest elected, CHARLES C. HOMER, JR., Baltimore
Grand Secretary, GUSTAV A. EITEL, Baltimore

In his address the Grand High Priest reported having visited each Chapter in the state. He found that the rapid increase in the membership of some of the Chapters had resulted in a growing sentiment in favor of an abridgment of some of the work and the same sentiment has been expressed in some Chapters of our own jurisdiction.

The adoption of the following, indicates the position of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. "That this Grand Chapter express its firm determination to adhere to the ritual

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which has been in use in the jurisdiction of Maryland for so many years."

Some of the Chapters had been voting on more than one petitioner by a single ballot. The Grand High Priest thought if it was to continue it should have the approval of the Grand Chapter and it was given by the adoption of the following: "Resolved, That ballots on petitions may be taken collectively and in the event of a negative ballot each candidate shall be voted upon separately." I doubt the wisdom of that act and am inclined to consider it an injury to a time honored Masonic custom, which should be maintained, and possibly to candidates.

This Grand Chapter has suffered a great loss through the death of Companion John H. Miller, its Grand Secretary from 1901 until his death January 24, 1919.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 21, 1918	Balance	$4,686.92
	Receipts	6,399.96
		$11,086.88
	Disbursements	3,360.81
November 20, 1919	Balance	$7,726.07
	Bonds	4,000.00
		$11,726.07

The Annual Convocation of the Council of M.·. E.·. High Priests was held November 20, and fourteen High Priests-elect were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

M.·. E.·. Gustav A. Eitel, President.

R.·. E.·. Charles P. Morningstar, Secretary.

The interesting Correspondence Report of seventy-two pages, reviewing forty-seven Grand Chapters, is by Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Massachusetts 1918 receiving fraternal consideration covering two and a half pages.

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MICHIGAN 1920

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SAGINAW, MAY 18, 19

155 CHAPTERS 30,961 MEMBERS 3201 GAIN

145 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

NO REPRESENTATION

Grand High Priest presiding, GEORGE W. LEEDLE

Grand High Priest elected, CHARLES J. GRAY, Petoskey

Grand Secretary, CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater

The Grand High Priest reported visiting about fifty Chapters. In one of them, where the Royal Arch Degree was conferred, the Principal Sojourner's work was given by a Companion nearly eighty-seven years old "without referring to the ritual in any part." Massachusetts has no printed rituals.

Dispensations were reported to form three new Chapters in Detroit, Findlater Chapter, Sojourners Chapter, and Loyalty Chapter, and on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, each of them was granted a charter.

The Grand High Priest ruled that maimed or crippled candidates could be received in the Chapters, expressing the opinion, "It is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that should determine whether he is eligible to become a Royal Arch Mason." In which I agree with him.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 21, 1919	Balance	$2,687.22
	Receipts	18,635.76
		$21,322.98
	Disbursements	13,873.90
May 19, 1920	Balance	$7,449.08
	Emergency Fund	2,008.63
	Investments	10,000.00
		$19,457.71
	Named by Fin. Com. additional	5,081.33
	Assets	$24,539.04

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A very pleasant incident was the receipt of a telegram from the Grand Encampment, I.O.O.F., assembled at Jackson, extending the hearty fraternal greetings and sincere felicitations of that Body, which was given an appropriate reply.

The Tenth Annual Dinner of the Past Grand High Priests Association was held May 18, at 6.30 P.M. Thirteen of the twenty Past Grand High Priests were present with M.·. E.·. Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest, and R.·. E.·. Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary, as guests. I think similar associations would be a benefit to every Grand Chapter.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests was held May 18 at 4.00 P.M. and sixty-five Excellent Companions were set apart and consecrated to the Holy Order.

A year ago this Grand Chapter voted to discontinue the Correspondence Report and in its place, this year, is "A Treatise on Selection and Registration of Masons' Marks" from the "Scrap Book" of the Grand Secretary, containing sixty-six pages of interesting and instructive matter. Companions interested, and every one ought to be, should come to the Library and ask for it.

I hope Companion Conover will give us more from his Scrap Book, which must contain much valuable Masonic information.

MINNESOTA 1919

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL — ST. PAUL, OCTOBER 14

76 CHAPTERS — 10,935 MEMBERS — 505 GAIN

64 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, GEORGE M. STOWE

Grand High Priest elected, IRA E. KING, Stillwater

Grand Secretary, JOHN FISHEL, St. Paul

In his address the Grand High Priest mentions the destruction of "the thriving little city of Cloquet" and the loss of the Masonic Temple costing $25,000 by a forest

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fire. Masonic relief was solicited and the report of the Trustees of the Relief Fund shows the following donations:

Lodges	$3,663.50
Chapters	755.00
Commanderies	25.00
Scottish Rite	1,000.00
Eastern Star	1,547.05
	$6,990.55

The Grand High Priest also reported a cyclone at Fergus Falls resulting in the loss of home, furniture and clothing by a large number of the Fraternity. He issued a circular to the Chapters asking for contributions and says the response was "all that could be expected and the load of several Companions made lighter when it seemed more than they could bear."

He reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter, Minnetonka Chapter, at Excelsior.

Under the law of this Grand Chapter "there can be no waiver of jurisdiction between Chapters or between this and a Sister Grand Jurisdiction."

A tract of land containing some two hundred and eighty acres on the bank of the Minnesota River, equidistant from St. Paul and Minneapolis, has been purchased for the erection of a Masonic Home.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2, 1918	Balance	$6,997.91
	Receipts	7,756.95
		$14,754.86
	Disbursements	6,799.18
October 8, 1919	Balance	$7,955.68
	Investments	17,000.00
	Assets	$24,955.68

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was

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held October 14 and twenty-four Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order.

E.·. Henry M. Tusler, President.

M.·. E.·. John Fishel, Recorder.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is by R.·. E.·. Irving Todd, Past D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. His fraternal review of Massachusetts 1918 covers two pages. In his review of Maine he approves the election of the Grand Council, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary and the appointment of the remaining officers with no expectation of being in line for advancement in office. I wonder what his opinion is of the Massachusetts system of election of Grand Officers in which no officer is considered entitled to promotion in office and a Companion elected or appointed to office distinctly understands that the term is simply for the ensuing year. As in Maine we elect our Grand Council, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and appoint the remaining officers. Our Grand High Priest is chosen from our past elective Grand Officers and our custom is to continue him in office for three consecutive years as we feel he can render better service than is possible in a single year term.

After referring to the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Companion Todd says, "If this unlimited accession of supreme power is voted at the next Triennial, the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Texas are likely to have plenty of company," and I think he is right.

MISSISSIPPI 1920

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL VICKSBURG, FEBRUARY 26

67 CHAPTERS 5275 MEMBERS 736 GAIN

47 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JOSEPH J. BROOKS

Grand High Priest elected, MARTIN BALL, Clarksdale

Grand Secretary, OLIVER L. MCKAY, Meridan

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The Grand High Priest reported dispensations to form two new Chapters, one at Picayune and one at Tylertown, "on the advice of worthy Companions interested in Capitular Masonry," and I sincerely hope they will be active and strong Chapters. Not being familiar with the circumstances with which this Grand Chapter has to deal it certainly is not my intention to criticize anything that may be or has been, but a roll of seventy "Defunct Chapters" indicates that at some time more Chapters were organized than were needed.

He recommended that the Annual Returns of Chapters be sent the Grand Secretary prior to October 1 and failure to do so should be penalized. The Finance Committee, whose report was adopted, recommended that the fiscal year end August 31 and the returns be sent to the Grand Secretary not later than October 1 with a penalty of five dollars per month or fractional part thereof for failure to comply with that requirement, which I hope will be strictly enforced.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 1, 1919	Balance	$10,118.08
	Receipts	12,347.35
		$22,465.43
	Disbursements	5,874.80
February 1, 1920	Balance	$16,590.63
	Liberty Bonds	2,000.00
	Assets	$18,590.63

From the Grand Lecturer's Report:

"Some of the Chapters are so poorly equipped with the necessary paraphernalia that it is difficult for them to do good work, nor will the membership ever take much interest in doing the work under such conditions. All kinds of makeshifts must be resorted to, so that

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a well-informed Companion, accustomed to proper paraphernalia, could hardly recognize the work as Chapter work. The Grand Chapter should, I think, pass some measure requiring the provision of a minimum equipment sufficient at least to the carrying out of the prescribed ritual, so that we may never be ashamed of the manner of making Companions anywhere in the State. The cost of such minimum equipment is so small that no Chapter should be permitted to go on year after year doing poor work and inculcating inadequate conceptions of the Capitular Degrees because of its lack."

A long experience has convinced me of the wisdom of that suggestion. In my opinion no Chapter should receive a charter until it had provided all necessary paraphernalia and its officers had demonstrated their ability to properly perform the work of the several degrees. I hope the Grand Lecturer's suggestion will be given careful consideration by his Grand Chapter.

The Finance Committee recommended "that minimum fee for Chapter Degrees be fixed at $30, and that each Chapter be required to pay for each Exaltation, $5 for Maintenance Fund for Home and $5 for Endowment Fund." Adopted. That leaves twenty dollars for the Chapter for each exaltation which, unless there are a goodly number of them, would not pay ordinary expenses in Massachusetts.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held February 25, and nineteen eligible Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. John J. McIntosh, President.

M.·. E.·. Oliver Lee McKay, Recorder.

The interesting Foreign Correspondence is the eleventh presented by M.·. E.·. Oliver Lee McKay. He compliments Massachusetts 1918 by giving it five pages of the report, containing excerpts from addresses made by our then Grand High Priest M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince, from the Memorial Committee and from the Correspondence Report, all with apparent approval.

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MISSOURI 1920

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ST. LOUIS, APRIL 27, 28
108 CHAPTERS 21,097 MEMBERS 3322 GAIN
97 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, RAY V. DENSLOW
Grand High Priest elected, HERBERT W. POWERS, St. Louis
Grand Secretary, ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis

The Grand High Priest reported the receipt of an application from Companions at Caruthersville for a dispensation to form a new Chapter. He told them "if they would secure the necessary paraphernalia and learn the ritualistic work in full" he would grant the dispensation. Twelve hundred dollars was expended by the Companions for paraphernalia, every charge, every lecture and every part of the work was committed, and August 28, 1919, the dispensation was issued. Forty-four candidates were exalted and on recommendation of the Committee on Chapters, U. D., a charter was given the Chapter. It would be well if every Grand High Priest would enforce the same requirements before granting dispensations to form new Chapters.

The Grand High Priest made many visitations, including visits to "bodies of every degree and rite." On a visit to one Chapter he and the Grand Lecturer left with fifty applications for the Council Degrees and gave the name of one Companion who, in a few months, personally secured one hundred and sixteen petitions for the Chapter Degrees. He recommended an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of "Traveling Paraphernalia" for working the Most Excellent Degree, to be taken from place to place as the Grand Lecturer thought advisable, but I find no record of action on it.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

April 12, 1919	Balance	$18,444.27
	Receipts	21,794.48
		$40,238.75
	Disbursements	13,809.14
April 14, 1920	Balance	$26,429.61
	Liberty Bonds	11,500.00
	Assets	$37,929.61

The committee to carefully examine the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter recommended that the Grand Chapter go on record as emphatically disapproving it. Adopted.

The Committee on Ritual recommended that the General Grand Chapter Ritual be not adopted. A motion made to reject the report and adopt the ritual, after considerable discussion, was "carried overwhelmingly."

An association has been incorporated to build a Masonic Temple in St Louis to cost approximately one million dollars. Its By-Laws provide for per capita payments on members of lodges, thirty-five dollars, Chapters, ten dollars, Councils, ten dollars, Commanderies, twenty dollars, and Eastern Star Chapters, five dollars. When the report was written, about eight hundred thousand dollars had been pledged, the Grand Lodge pledging one hundred and twenty thousand dollars and the Eastern Star thirty thousand dollars. The Grand Chapter to pay forty-five thousand in fifteen annual payments.

The Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests assembled April 27, and fifty-two Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. David M. Wilson, President.

M.·. E.·. Robert F. Stevenson, Recorder.

Missouri is very fortunate in having for its Correspondent Rev. Companion John Henderson Miller, whose

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reports are always interesting and well worth reading. His fraternal review of Massachusetts 1919, covering three pages, is a good synopsis of our proceedings. He compliments Most Excellent Companions Prince and Van Valkenburgh by quotations from their addresses and is correct in assuming that my opinion of the proposed constitution for the General Grand Chapter is held by other members of our Grand Chapter, which is shown by the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter. In my opinion the presentation of that constitution has been an injury to the General Grand Body which should have been foreseen.

NEBRASKA 1919

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL — OMAHA, DECEMBER 10, 11

53 CHAPTERS — 6128 MEMBERS — 374 GAIN

23 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM D. FUNK

Grand High Priest elected, ALPHA MORGAN, Broken Bow

Grand Secretary, FRANCIS E. WHITE, Omaha

In his address the Grand High Priest recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia with the exchange of Representatives, and a resolution complying with the recommendation was adopted by the Grand Chapter. He reported the loss by fire of the Charter of Eureka Chapter, No. 5, and the issue of a Dispensation allowing the Chapter to work until the Grand Chapter could authorize a duplicate. Last year two Chapters had the same misfortune.

In this jurisdiction an examination in preceding degrees, that is satisfactory to the Chapter, is required of candidates before conferring the next higher degree, a requirement that I wish was in force in every jurisdiction.

Grand Stewards are not included in the list of officers of this Grand Chapter The Grand High Priest says,

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"the only purpose the office serves is to put the appointee in line of succession to Grand High Priest two years before there is any necessity for it." My opposition to succession in office has been stated in several preceding reports.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

December 11, 1918	Balance	$5,020.88
	Receipts	4,768.68
		$9,789.56
	Disbursements*	3,947.86
		$5,841.70
	Liberty Bond	5,000.00
	Assets	$10,841.70

The Forty-seventh Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held December 11, and fifteen Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Samuel P. Davidson, President.

M.·. E.·. Francis E. White, Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

NEVADA 1919

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL — RENO, JUNE 10, 11

9 CHAPTERS — 545 MEMBERS — 29 GAIN

9 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, THOMAS LINDSAY

Grand High Priest elected, EDWARD C. PETERSON, Carson City

Grand Secretary, EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Reno

In his address the Grand High Priest reported granting but three dispensations, all being where the Chapters had been unable to hold their elections of officers because

* $1,500 to Masonic Home.

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of the prohibition of public gatherings on account of the epidemic of influenza.

He mentioned the fact that with the Grand Secretary he had endeavored by correspondence to induce the formation of new Chapters in two places. The Companions in one place did not reply to the letters and those in the other place felt they would not have a sufficient number of members to warrant starting a new Chapter. In Massachusetts we wait until the Companions in a given locality feel the need of and actually want a new Chapter before the matter is given any consideration, which I consider a wise course for every Grand Chapter to adopt.

In speaking of an apparent indifference regarding Capitular Masonry in the State the Grand High Priest expressed the opinion that it was "due largely to lack of interest and enthusiasm among its officers and members." If those qualities really are lacking, my opinion is that the cultivation of them should be the first duty of the Grand Body. With an earnest, active and enthusiastic interest among the officers and members of the Order applications for new Chapters will surely be the result.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 8, 1918	Balance	$1,220.44
	Receipts	900.50
		$2,120.94
	Disbursements	1,138.22
June 10, 1919	Balance	$982.72
	Liberty Bonds	550.00
	Total	$1,532.72

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests convened in the evening of June 10, and six Companions were solemnly set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

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M.·. E.·. A. L. Fitzgerald, President.

R.·. E.·. E. D. Vanderlieth, Recorder.

The interesting Report on Correspondence is by R.·. E.·. Edward D. Vanderlieth, the Grand Secretary. A quotation in poetry precedes the review of each Grand Chapter. Before the kindly reference to Massachusetts 1918 is this:

> "The whole world is my workshop. I've no creed:
> That man's my brother who stands most in need.
> I have no joy in dogmas, nor in sects;
> My rite—to succor whom the world neglects.
> There is no greater boon on earth than this—
> To watch a sad face light with heavenly bliss."
>
> —JEAN MCEWEN.

He excerpts from the address of our Grand High Priest Arthur D. Prince, which he calls an "excellent address," from the address of M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis on "Jews and Masonry" before our Order of High Priesthood, and from the Correspondence Report referring to the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter, and I am glad to learn from his review of the General Grand Body that he has the same opinion regarding the proposed constitution that is held in Massachusetts and hope his Grand Chapter will send a full delegation to Asheville next year instructed to vote against its adoption.

NEVADA 1920

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL — RENO, JUNE 8

9 CHAPTERS — 562 MEMBERS — 17 GAIN

9 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, EDWARD C. PETERSON

Grand High Priest elected, GEORGE W. ROBINSON, Reno

Grand Secretary, EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Reno

After opening the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest directed the Grand Captain of the Host and Grand

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Royal Arch Captain, with three Past Grand High Priests, to present the flag of the United States at the Altar, where it was honorably received and saluted, after which the National Anthem was sung and "Old Glory" placed at the right of the Council.

A welcoming address to the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, covering over a full page, is recorded. It contains these words:

> "We appreciate the spirit of your several Chapters which induced them to send you here as trusted representatives. By their wisdom in delegating you as accredited ambassadors in Masonry, we are able to maintain an unbroken chain of communication and intelligence which strengthens our cause immeasurably."

Theoretically good, but the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts for at least the third consecutive time was absent, although he resides in the city where the convocation was held. How much strength or advantage to Capitular Masonry can be derived from such representation?

In Nevada the Grand High Priest may also be the High Priest of one of the subordinate Chapters. In the present instance the Grand High Priest was High Priest of Lewis Chapter, No. 1, and as Grand High Priest called one of its regular convocations his "official visit." Imagine, if you can, a presiding High Priest receiving himself as Grand High Priest with the honors due that high office.

The Grand High Priest mentioned two Chapters in mining towns that "are hanging on by a thread," but said there were numerous growing agricultural communities that would soon support good, strong, lasting Chapters. He wisely did not believe the best results came from coaxing by Grand Officers, but from enthusiasm among the Companions sufficient to lead them to want and earnestly apply for a Chapter in their locality, and I agree with

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him. He also believes Capitular Masonry is now too anxious to increase its membership and that we should, as Masons, take an active interest in "the upbuilding of the younger generation and the making of better men and women." He feels that we should "take a more active part in the relief of Masons and their widows and orphans," and not "let the Lodge do it," and refers to something I have said about Dorchester Chapter of Boston, but his page reference does not show what it was. However, some time I hope to tell more about the true Masonic work that Chapter is doing. Although not a member I am very proud of it.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 10, 1919	Balance	$982.72
	Receipts	1,083.50
		$2,066.22
	Disbursements	845.79
June 7, 1920	Balance	$1,220.43

M.·. E.·. Henry W. Miles, Grand Orator, delivered an able and instructive address covering six pages. I wish all of you could read it.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests convened June 8 at 7.30 P.M. and three Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. A. L. Fitzgerald, President.

R.·. E.·. E. D. Vanderlieth, Recorder.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence by the Grand Secretary R.·. E.·. E. D. Vanderlieth is fully up to the high standard of his former reports. Fraternal reference to Massachusetts 1919 covers over a full page.

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NEW BRUNSWICK 1919

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SAINT JOHN, APRIL 21
8 CHAPTERS 863 MEMBERS NO GAIN
7 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest, HORACE A. PORTER, St. John, reëlected
Grand Secretary, J. TWINING HARTT, St. John

The Grand High Priest reported visits to all but one of the Chapters, which were evidently enjoyable occasions. He recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta which was adopted later in the session. Two dispensations to elect officers were reported.

The exaltations and reinstatements just balanced the withdrawals, suspensions and deaths, so there was no gain in membership. Three of the Chapters have over one hundred and forty members, Woodstock Chapter being the largest with one hundred eighty-one members. The other five Chapters have less than one hundred members each.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

April 24, 1918	Balance	$541.18
	Receipts	400.73
		$941.91
	Disbursements	282.86
April 15, 1919	Balance	$659.05
	Investment	1,500.00
	Assets	$2,159.05

In this Grand Chapter the Companion Grand Tyler is regularly elected while the V.·. E.·. Grand Captain of the Host and V.·. E.·. Grand Royal Arch Captain are appointed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held April 22 and five Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order.

Roy E. Crawford, M.·. E.·. President.

William B. Wallace, E.·. Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE 1920

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL — CONCORD, MAY 18

26 CHAPTERS — 4692 MEMBERS — 264 GAIN

21 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, ARTHUR C. STEWART

Grand High Priest elected, BERT L. STEBBINS, Claremont

Grand Secretary, HARRY M. CHENEY, Concord

This Grand Chapter has adopted the new General Grand Chapter Ritual, which apparently is giving good satisfaction. About 1850 the General Grand Chapter adopted the ritual used by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and under authority from the General Grand High Priest our Grand High Priest, Rev. Stephen Lovell, imparted it to representatives from nine different states. The new ritual is the result of many and frequent changes; whether it will be allowed to remain as it now is, any length of time, the future will tell. Massachusetts does not use the General Grand Ritual.

The visitation reports of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe indicate a satisfactory condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction and the regularity and harmony of action manifested in the disposition of the business of the convocation, without the introduction of any irregular or unusual matter, make a barren field from which to select items that are especially interesting in other jurisdictions.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 20, 1919	Balance	$3,063.11
	Receipts	2,907.95
		$5,971.06
	Disbursements	2,648.76
May 18, 1920	Balance	$3,322.30

The Annual Convocation of the Council of the Order

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of High Priesthood was held May 18, and six qualified Companions were solemnly consecrated in ancient form.

Henry L. Sanderson, President.

Harry M. Cheney, Recorder.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence of eighty pages, reviewing forty-eight Grand Chapters, by E.·. Charles B. Spofford, is to me like a ray of sunsihne from a dull, clouded sky as it present something about which a few words may be written. In opening the report he mentions "the threatened secession of Massachusetts" from the General Grand Chapter. Massachusetts has made no threat of withdrawal — it has simply instructed its delegates to vote against the adoption of the proposed constitution. In the friendly review of Massachusetts, the year of the volume under consideration is given as "1918," it should be 1919. A new Chapter is reported at "Somerville," which, to be correct, should read Swampscott. I am credited with suggesting that probably some of the first Chapters in New Hampshire "were organized under a dispensation from the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts." Referring to my last report I find the nearest approach to such a suggestion to be in the statements that "there is evidence that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts may have had some connection with the early Capitular Masonry of the state" and that "our Grand Chapter had authority to charter Chapters in New Hampshire until the formation of its Grand Chapter" and I gave my authority for that statement. I also stated that so far as I was aware our records contained no mention of Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire. Companion Spofford says, "Companion Comee positively asserts that Massachusetts proposes to secede" (from the General Grand Chapter) and I would like to know where that assertion can be found. I have endeavored to have it understood that what I have said on that subject was a personal statement and not representing the Grand Chapter.

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Companion Spofford is an easy, interesting writer, who makes his report almost wholly in his own language without relying largely on excerpts from addresses of Grand High Priests, which gives an individuality to his work that is pleasing to me.

NEW JERSEY 1920

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL — TRENTON, MAY 12

44 CHAPTERS — 10,603 MEMBERS — 1257 GAIN

38 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, RICHARD C. WOODWARD

Grand High Priest elected, J. VREELAND HARING, Newark

Grand Secretary, PETER MCGILL, Bound Brook

The waivers of jurisdiction mentioned by the Grand High Priest are interesting because they are so rare in our own Jurisdiction. I copy them:

	Asked by	Asked from
New York	41	2
Pennsylvania	5	35

The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of Branch Brook Chapter, No. 47, at Newark and the issue of Dispensations to form two new Chapters, Rabboni Chapter at Camden and Fidelity Chapter at Ridgewood, both being granted charters later in the session.

Under "Decisions," the Grand High Priest expressed the opinion that a Companion receiving the degrees in a Chapter working under Dispensation had the right to become a charter member of the Chapter, which received the approval of the Committee on Constitutions and endorsement of the Grand Chapter. In Massachusetts only those who sign the application for the Dispensation become charter members—the charter is issued to them.

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New Jersey is divided into eight Capitular Districts, with a District Deputy Grand High Priest for each District. Grand Chapters of Instruction were held in each District which may be somewhat different from our Grand Chapters of Instruction, at which the degrees are exemplified under the direction of a Grand Lecturer, as six Schools of Instruction were also held at which the esoteric work was exemplified "in the presence of the Grand Lecturer and the Ritual Committee." The New Jersey and Massachusetts systems probably accomplish the same result in somewhat different ways. In New Jersey the official visits to the Chapters are made by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Principal Sojourner and Grand Royal Arch Captain, while in Massachusetts that duty is performed by the District Deputies.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 14, 1919	Balance	$4,091.91
	Receipts	7,326.22
		$11,418.13
	Disbursements	6,137.40
May 12, 1920	Balance	$5,280.73
	In Trustees' Hands	6,118.21
	Assets	$11,398.94

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held May 11 at 8 o'clock P.M. Thirty-six qualified Companions were duly anointed to the Order of High Priesthood, one of them being M.·. E.·. William N. Ponton, Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

M.·. E.·. Henry S. Haynes, President.

M.·. E.·. Abram A. Reger, Recorder.

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The Report on Foreign Correspondence of one hundred and eighty-three pages is by M.·. E.·. Henry S. Haynes, and is the most interesting part of the Proceedings. He fully understands the duty of a Correspondent and performs it splendidly. None but those familiar with this branch of Masonic endeavor can appreciate the time and effort he gives to it. His is one of the best reports that reach my desk.

His fraternal review of Massachusetts 1919 occupies four pages. He says we adopted an amendment requiring a Companion to sign the By-Laws within six months after exaltation. If he will refer to page 35 of our 1919 Proceedings, after the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, he will find the statement that the amendment was *not* adopted. In Massachusetts a Companion becomes a member of his Chapter when he is exalted.

He considers it strange that District Deputies require Dispensations to hold Grand Chapters of Instruction, and I have had the same thought. Then it has occurred to me they may be considered Grand Chapter convocations held for a specific purpose, in which case the Dispensation would be necessary for the District Deputy to carry out that purpose.

He and I agree in many ways, probably in every way that is of consequence Masonically, but appear to misunderstand each other regarding the opening of a Grand Chapter, and probably each one wonders why it is so.

I hope all the Past Grand High Priests of New Jersey will be at Asheville when action is taken on the adoption of the proposed constitution for the General Grand Chapter. The report of our committee appointed to consider that constitution and the vote of our Grand Chapter regarding it will be in this volume.

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NEW MEXICO 1918

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL TUCUMCARI, DECEMBER 13
17 CHAPTERS 1268 MEMBERS 51 GAIN
10 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, HERBERT B. HOLT
Grand High Priest elected, RICHARD M. THORNE, Carlsbad
Grand Secretary, ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Albuquerque

The influenza epidemic caused two postponements of this Convocation, the regular time for it being in October.

In his address the Grand High Priest recommends "that the use of rituals should be discouraged and discontinued; also that knowledge of the work should be a pre-requisite to advance." Referring to the recommendation relating to rituals the Committee on the Address, whose report was adopted, said, "We concur and believe that the use in the Chapter room should be positively prohibited." In my opinion nothing can injure the impressiveness of our work more than reference to a book by an officer. If one cannot or will not prepare himself to properly perform the duties of an office he should not accept it and if one occupying an office does not do so he should be removed for incompetency.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 11, 1917	Balance	$890.78
	Receipts	1,451.00
		$2,341.78
	Disbursements	1,747.95
	Balance	$593.83
	Masonic Home Fund	3,060.20
	Assets	$3,654.03

The interesting report on Foreign Correspondence of one hundred and fourteen pages, reviewing fifty-two Grand Chapters, is by E.·. James H. Wroth, whose opinion con-

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cerning "railroading" candidates, the value of correspondence reports and their distribution, the injustice of charging dues during suspension and the encouragement of social intercourse at Chapter convocations agrees with my own. The following is a part of a quotation given from the Correspondence Report in the Proceedings of Louisiana 1918: "If a Grand Chapter gets in way of electing the highest appointive officer to a place in the Grand Council as a matter of right the choice of all Grand Chapter officers soon becomes vested in a succession of Grand High Priests," which he considers undemocratic and objectionable. I wonder what his opinion is of the Massachusetts system of electing Grand Officers which does not admit the *right* of any officer to advancement and emphasizes its objection to it by avoiding it so that no Companion, or his friends, can feel offended if he is not continued in office.

Massachusetts 1917 received fraternal consideration without unfavorable comment, which I am sure would have been expressed had there been reason for it.

NEW MEXICO 1920

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ALBUQUERQUE, MARCH 18

17 CHAPTERS 1344 MEMBERS 76 GAIN

14 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

NO REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM

Grand High Priest presiding, RICHARD M. THORNE

Grand High Priest elected, REUBEN PERRY, Albuquerque

Grand Secretary, ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Albuquerque

The address of the Grand High Priest is concise and businesslike but the Proceedings contain very little of interest out of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest referred to the adoption of the General Grand Chapter Ritual in 1899. The committee on the address recommended that "this Grand Chapter do not, at present, adopt the Revised Ritual but continue

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to use the Ritual that has been in general use since 1892, which was amended by a provision for the adoption of the Revised Ritual in case the General Grand Chapter refused to permit the use of the old rituals,'' which indicates that there may be two rituals used in the Jurisdiction, the ritual used in 1892 and the one adopted in 1899. It also indicates that the Grand Chapter thinks the General Grand Chapter has the authority to dictate to the Grand Chapters what ritual shall be used, which is not so. The Grand Chapters are now free to select any ritual they may desire, but, if the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter is adopted at its Triennial next September the freedom in that and many other matters will vanish and exist only in memory.

A resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence that the Grand Chapter suggest to its constituent Chapters that all candidates be advised to take the Council Degrees after the Most Excellent and before the Royal Arch. The committee recommended that the resolution be not adopted, which received the approval of the Grand Chapter. In Massachusetts a Companion must be a Royal Arch Mason before he can apply for the Council Degrees.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1919	Balance	$391.00
	Receipts	1,911.26
		$2,302.26
	Disbursements	1,808.68
March 13, 1920	Balance	$493.58
	Masonic Home Fund	3,259.26
	Assets	$3,752.84

No Order of High Priesthood or Correspondence Report.

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NEW YORK 1920

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL — ALBANY, FEB. 3, 4
213 CHAPTERS — 48,495 MEMBERS — 4003 GAIN
206 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, PERCY W. WILLARD
Grand High Priest elected, JEROME L. CHENEY, Syracuse
Grand Secretary, CHARLES C. HUNT, New York

In his address the Grand High Priest reported the constitution of Ravena Chapter, No. 312, at Ravena. He mentioned granting six waivers of jurisdiction — one each to Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Ireland and two to Massachusetts, and the reception of forty-four, thirty of them being from New Jersey, which is conclusive evidence of the existence of a close, harmonious and cordial relationship between the two jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest gave this decision, "Two Chapters cannot have concurrent jurisdiction over a village having no Chapter," the law giving jurisdiction to the Chapter nearest the residence of a petitioner "by a straight line." In Massachusetts, in several instances, such concurrent jurisdiction is given where it appears advisable and our Chapters have undoubtedly received benefit from it.

Speaking of visitations the Grand High Priest says:

"The task of visiting from twenty to twenty-five Chapters is a trying one to a business man, as most of our Grand Officers are, often resulting in the visitor being away from his business for a week at a time. . . . It is my opinion that you will in the near future have to put in force a different plan or omit visits to some of the Chapters."

Visitations in this great Grand Chapter, one of the largest in this country, are made by "the line" Grand Officers from the Deputy Grand High Priest to the Grand Master of the First Veil, ten of them, and I believe it is more than should be required of them. A man should not

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neglect his business or his family for Masonry and in my opinion some if not all of those Grand Officers do both. I hope the "different plan" will soon be adopted.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February, 1919	Balance	$55,058.09
	Receipts	31,782.69
		$86,840.78
	Disbursements	64,989.00
February, 1920	Balance	$21,851.78
	Government Bonds	140,000.00
	Total	$161,851.78

The Grand Lecturer, M.·. E.·. Marshall F. Heminway, considered it for the best interest of the Grand Chapter to continue using its own ritual. He recommended placing three complete copies of the ritual with the Grand Secretary for examination of those entitled to see them. For his information I will say that in Massachusetts we have the official ritual of each degree written in a separate book so different degrees may be examined at the same time and yet have but one complete copy.

The Committee on Rituals recommended the appointment of a special committee to consider the feasibility of abbreviating the form for conferring the Royal Arch Degree. Our Grand Chapter appointed a similar committee last year but no decision has been reached. It is quite a puzzling problem. No one can tell how long the amount of work that has been coming to many of our Chapters will continue. I do not believe anyone expects it to be permanent and possibly in the not very distant future the Chapter officers may find relief from the exhausting and burdensome tasks they have been required to perform without abbreviating the ritual.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed re-

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quiring every candidate for the Capitular Degrees to be *"a citizen of the United States of America,"* which will receive final action at the next Annual Convocation.

Rev. Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, delivered an able, interesting and patriotic address on "The Leaven of Masonry," covering eight pages, too long to copy and excerpts could not do it justice. I wish it might be printed and placed in the hand of every Mason. It is a clear statement of present day duty.

Conventions of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests were held in New York City, January 30, and in Albany February 3. At the former forty-seven and at the latter ninety-four qualified Companions were duly consecrated.

It is my privilege to greet a new Correspondent for the Grand Chapter of New York, M.·. E.·. Arthur Warren, G.·. H.·. P.·. 1914, whose initial report of eighty-five pages gives ample evidence of an ability as a writer that immediately removes him from the position he claims to occupy — that of a "humble learner." His report is both interesting and instructive. I agree perfectly with his opinion of the value of Correspondence Reports and figuratively grasp his hand with a most cordial fraternal greeting.

His review of Massachusetts 1918 occupies two pages without unfavorable comment. I want to say to him that we are not over-sensitive, that we are seeking to improve our methods and will always welcome friendly criticism and hope he will freely mention any opportunity for improvement he may discover in our Proceedings.

NORTH CAROLINA 1919

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GREENSBORO, MAY 13, 14

51 CHAPTERS 4817 MEMBERS 332 GAIN

32 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, J. F. RHEM

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN H. ANDERSON, Fayetteville

Grand Secretary, JOHN B. GRIGGS, Elizabeth City

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The Grand High Priest reported requesting eight Chapters to confer degrees for Chapters of other jurisdictions, including Walden Chapter and Amity Chapter of our own jurisdiction. He recommended providing for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter, which is to hold its Triennial Convocation of 1921 at Asheville, N. C., by setting aside one thousand dollars for each of three succeeding years, which received the approval of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 22, 1918	Balance	$4,942.97
	Receipts	4,394.35
		$9,337.32
	Disbursements	3,409.47
May 1, 1919	Balance	$5,927.85

Favorable reports were made by the Educational Committee and the Treasurer of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home reported subscriptions in hand sufficient to clear the mortgage debt. A very attractive picture of the Home occupies a page of the Proceedings.

The Grand Council of the Order of Anointed High Priesthood met May 13 and nineteen Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. The fee for the Order was raised from five to ten dollars as the former amount was not sufficient to meet the expenses.

In the preface of his second Report on Fraternal Correspondence Companion W. B. McKoy says his ambition is "to become worthy of associating with the group of scholarly writers of whom the correspondents are composed," and before commencing his reviews presents four pages of matter that clearly show an ability as a writer which will give him a prominent position in the group he refers to in such a complimentary manner. His synopsis of the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, cover-

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ing seventy pages, indicate careful reading and the quotations lead to the feeling that Masonically we closely agree. Over three pages were devoted to the fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1918. The Proceedings of North Carolina 1918 did not reach me in season to be included in my 1919 report.

NORTH CAROLINA 1920

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL WILMINGTON, MAY 11
51 CHAPTERS 5618 MEMBERS 771 GAIN
31 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, JOHN H. ANDERSON
Grand High Priest elected, J. M. OLDHAM, Charlotte
Grand Secretary, JOHN B. GRIGGS, Elizabeth City

The Grand High Priest very wisely refused Dispensations to ballot "without waiting the statutory time" on several candidates who wanted the degree quickly that they might join the Shrine.

He gave the General Grand Chapter credit for more authority than I think it possesses in considering the adoption of its new ritual *obligatory*. I think that is now optional with the Grand Chapters and evidently many others agree with me. He said, "The new ritual has been the cause of considerable correspondence," and gave copies of letters sent to subordinate Chapters or High Priests to compel its use, one of them threatening "drastic steps" if the instructions were not complied with at the end of thirty days. Apparently the new ritual did not receive a favorable reception. Massachusetts does not use the General Grand Chapter ritual.

The Grand High Priest recommended adding five dollars to the fee charged the constituent Chapters for each candidate, that amount to be sent the Grand Secretary with the annual reports and placed in a separate fund to be used only for charitable purposes and the Committee

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on Jurisprudence presented an amendment to the By-Laws, which was adopted, complying with the recommendation.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 22, 1919	Balance	$5,927.85
	Receipts	5,673.28
		$11,601.13
	Disbursements	6,503.83
May 1, 1920	Balance	$5,097.30
	Permanent Fund	2,925.41
	Triennial Fund	1,172.41
	Assets	$9,195.12

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held May 11 and eighteen qualified Companions were duly set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

E.·. W. C. Wicker, President.

E.·. A. M. Maupin, Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

NORTH DAKOTA 1920

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL FARGO, JANUARY 13, 14

24 CHAPTERS 3448 MEMBERS 177 GAIN

24 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, ADOLPH M. CHRISTIANSON

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN H. G. TURNER, Bottineau

Grand Secretary, WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Fargo

Charging the time for holding the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter from June to January reduced the term of service of the presiding Grand High Priest to a little over six months, which I consider a misfortune for the Grand Chapter and wish he might have been retained in office during this year. His address was a concise, business-like report of his administration. At the last Annual Con-

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vocation he was asked "to brief up the new constitution of the General Grand Chapter," which he did in a very able manner and which I shall mention in my conclusion.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 19, 1919	Balance	$7,714.81
	Receipts	2,711.46
		$10,426.27
	Disbursements	3,007.26
January 7, 1920	Balance	$7,419.01
	Liberty Bonds	3,500.00
	Assets	$10,919.01

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters, U.·. D.·., a dispensation was granted for a new Chapter at Bowman.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the per capita tax was increased from seventy-five cents to one dollar, made necessary by increased mileage and per diem allowance.

The "Fraternal Correspondence" is by M.·. E.·. E. George Guthrie. Owing to the change of the time for the Annual Convocation of his Grand Chapter he was able to present reviews of but thirty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts not being one of that number. He is an interesting writer and no important matter escapes his attention. He excerpts freely but uses excellent judgment in his selections.

OHIO 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL TOLEDO, SEPTEMBER 24, 25
189 CHAPTERS 51,848 MEMBERS 4155 GAIN
181 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, HARRY W. LLOYD
Grand High Priest elected, JOSEPH T. CROXALL, East Liverpool
Grand Secretary, EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Urbana

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The address of the Grand High Priest is an excellent one and well worth reading. He reported the constitution of Fort Industry Chapter, No. 208, at Toledo and the issue of Dispensations to form two new Chapters, Akron Chapter, at Akron, and Victory Chapter, at Dayton, and on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted each of them.

The jurisdiction is divided into nineteen Districts, each having a District Inspector, whose duty is practically the same as one of our District Deputy Grand High Priests, and I can most heartily agree with the following excerpt from a communication sent by the Grand High Priest to each of the subordinate Chapters in the state.

"Chapters should endeavor to be prepared at all times for inspection. The worth of a Chapter and its progress depends not on what is done on the night of inspection, but on the work done throughout the year, and I have suggested to the Inspectors that, in my opinion, the best way to determine this is to see what is being done when the Inspector is not expected."

I am in favor of frequent unofficial visits by an inspecting officer, but in Ohio the Districts cover from two to seven counties and I am afraid the Chapters of a District are not as easily reached by an inspector as they are in Massachusetts and there are more Chapters in the Districts. One District has twenty Chapters; one, seventeen; three, ten; eleven, nine; one, eight; and two, seven; while in Massachusetts the Chapters in a District average less than six.

In Ohio, life membership in a Chapter is not allowed. In our jurisdiction a Chapter may provide in its By-Laws for such membership, but the fee for it must not be less than ten times the annual dues and in no case less than twenty-five dollars and our Grand Chapter Regulations

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require that all moneys received for life memberships shall constitute a Permanent Fund invested in the name of the Chapter and in the care of trustees. Nothing but the income of that fund can be used for any purpose whatever unless notice of the intended action is printed on the notices and mailed to every member of the Chapter at least ten days before action can be taken and then only at a regular convocation and by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members present. Under those conditions we have had no trouble from life memberships and I know of no Chapter that has disturbed its Permanent Fund, which certainly contains a promise of future financial strength.

In a former report I mentioned the fact that the owner of the house in which the Grand Chapter held its first meeting offered to convey it by deed to the Grand Chapter under apparently reasonable conditions, which were acceptable to the Grand Chapter, but the owner subsequently changed her mind and the matter is held for further consideration. I hope it will be adjusted to the satisfaction of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 8, 1918	Balance	$33,852.69
	Receipts	33,406.51
		$67,259.20
	Disbursements*	29,584.57
September 20, 1919	Balance	$37,674.63

The largest Chapter is Washington Chapter, No. 25, of Akron, with one thousand three hundred and sixty-one members, and there are three other Chapters each having

* $11,025.25 Masonic Home per capita tax, $5,000 Masonic Home Endowment Fund Liberty bonds, $2,500 Red Cross.

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a membership of over one thousand three hundred and twenty.

The Thirteenth Annual Reunion of the Association of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council and Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter was held September 23. I have before this expressed a favorable opinion of similar associations.

The Order of High Priesthood convened September 24, and one hundred twenty-eight qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order. In the disbursements a donation of $1,200 to the Ohio Masonic Home is reported.

M.·. E.·. Nelson Williams, President.

R.·. E.·. Edwin Hagenburch, Recorder.

The Reports of the Officers of the Masonic Home show inmates as follows: Men, 87; women, 64; boys, 37; girls, 22; total, 210. The total of the Endowment Fund and other assets is $305,691.85.

The interesting and instructive Correspondence Report of one hundred and six pages is by M.·. E.·. Orion P. Sperra. His fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1918 occupies four pages. He quotes from the report of the Committee on the Address of Our Grand High Priest at our Annual Convocation in December, 1917, from the address itself and from the address on "Jews and Masonry," given by M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis before our Order of High Priesthood, March 12, 1918.

OKLAHOMA 1920

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL — OKLAHOMA CITY, APRIL 20, 21

71 CHAPTERS — 8146 MEMBERS — 1412 GAIN

52 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JOHN ANGUS GILLIS

Grand High Priest elected, HAROLD B. DOWNING, Atoka

Grand Secretary, JAMES A. SCOTT, Muskogee

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The Grand High Priest's address covers thirty pages and clearly shows that he is an interested, active and zealous Companion, whose zeal may, from our viewpoint, occasionally get the better of his good judgment. He spent fifty-six days away from his business, assisted in conferring eight hundred and forty-eight Masonic degrees, and traveled two whole days and nights to attend the opening of rooms to be devoted to Chapter and Commandery purposes, arriving at 5.30 P.M. and leaving at 11 P.M. The rooms were in a new Masonic Temple costing five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Work was commenced at 8.30 A.M. and continued until midnight, conferring the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees on twenty-seven and the Royal Arch on nine.

He issued several circulars endeavoring to inaugurate Triangle and Triple Triangle Convocations of Chapters, which apparently did not reach his expectations.

He issued a circular containing this statement:

> "I will feel justified in acting favorably, without fee, upon all requests to receive, refer and ballot without regard to statutory time, provided it is the unanimous request of those present that the business be expedited in this manner."

Later in the address he reported the issue of special dispensations "to receive, refer, report, ballot and confer degrees without regard to statutory time upon over six hundred petitioners," which received the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee, who, however, thought the power "should be exercised with the greatest caution and only when the best interests of Capitular Masonry demanded it."

The Grand High Priest recommended an amendment of the By-Laws providing that where a petitioner was made a Master Mason in a Lodge where the Chapter is located or has lived in the jurisdiction of the Chapter continuously for the year preceding his application for the Chapter

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Degrees, the petition may, by unanimous ballot, be received and a ballot be taken and if elected the petitioner be entitled to receive the several degrees at once or at the convenience of the Chapter and the petitioner. The Jurisprudence Committee presented an amendment practically following the recommendation and their report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

One Chapter adopted a By-Law, making Honorary Life Members all who were members at the time they were overseas in the World War, and the Grand High Priest recommended the remission of all dues of Overseas Life Members, which the Jurisprudence Committee disapproved "unless same is left optionary with the subordinate Chapters and made to apply to all soldiers honorably discharged."

The Grand High Priest also recommended the addition of a By-Law requiring all Chapters to give each member annually a subscription to the magazine *Oklahoma Mason*, the subscription price to be added to the dues, but I find no action regarding it. He recommended taking membership in the George Washington National Memorial Association but it did not receive the approval of the Committee on Finance.

He called attention to the fact that but one Grand High Priest out of three had the honor of representing the Grand Chapter at the Triennial Convocations of the General Grand Chapter. The Jurisprudence Committee, to give all who have filled that office equal honor, recommended that commencing with the next Triennial the delegates from the Grand Chapter be the Grand High Priest and the three Past Grand High Priests, oldest in point of service, until each Past Grand High Priest has enjoyed that privilege. Adopted.

Dispensations were reported to form Oilton Chapter, at Oilton, Hugo Chapter, at Hugo, Sulphur Chapter, at Sulphur, and Grandfield Chapter, at Grandfield. Later

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in the session, on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted the first three and the dispensation for Grandfield Chapter was continued.

At the last Annual Convocation the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter was adopted, without examination, but as it had not given satisfaction the vote by which it was adopted was rescinded and a committee appointed to formulate a new ritual and report with a demonstration of the work at the next Annual Convocation. If the proposed constitution for the General Grand Chapter is adopted at the coming Triennial of that Body it can decide what ritual the Grand Chapter will use.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests was held April 19, and twenty-nine Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Isham H. G. Hulme, President.

M.·. E.·. James A. Scott, Recorder.

The Correspondence Report, reviewing fifty-four Grand Chapters, is the second one by E.·. William Noble. Fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1919 occupies two pages. He compliments our Grand High Priest by giving an excerpt from his address, which is approved, and says a kind word about my report. He does not see the necessity of our Quarterly Convocations, which is not at all surprising as he lives in a state over eight times the area of Massachusetts with a population about two-thirds as large. His state is five hundred and eighty-five miles long and two hundred and ten wide, and ours, one hundred and ninety long and one hundred and ten wide, therefore there is quite a difference in convenience in attending Grand Chapter Convocations. Much of our business is transacted at our Quarterlies. The officers of our Chapters meet, become acquainted, and gain much information, and the business disposed of enables us to devote the entire day of our Annual Convocation to an exemplification of the

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work and lectures of our four degrees and transact our regular annual business in one evening, which, without the Quarterlies, would certainly require two days. If he lived in Massachusetts he would probably be a strong advocate of Quarterly Convocations. He thinks our Chapters should be numbered but from a custom extending over many years we prefer to designate them by names only as we do our children — John 1, James 2, Mary 3, etc., would seem strange to us.

I would like to stay longer with Oklahoma but space, not desire, says stop.

OREGON 1920

SIXTIETH ANNUAL — PORTLAND, JUNE 14

37 CHAPTERS — 4979 MEMBERS — 481 GAIN

31 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, J. H. RICHMOND

Grand High Priest elected, FRANK W. SETTLEMIER, Woodburn

Grand Secretary, JAMES F. ROBINSON, Portland

The Grand High Priest reported a dispensation to form a new Chapter in Portland, Sunnyside Chapter, which was granted a charter later in the session. Accompanied by the Grand Officers he visited Washington Chapter, of Portland, of which he is a member, and had the pleasure of making a Royal Arch Mason of his son, the Grand Officers performing the work.

Early in the year the Grand Chapter received "a consignment of Rituals and Essentials" adopted by the General Grand Chapter in 1918, but as the Grand High Priest felt he had no authority to distribute them he ordered them held for action by the Grand Chapter. The adoption of the new ritual was referred to a special committee who recommended, "that this new ritual be not adopted," which received the approval of the Grand Chapter. As I believe this is the *only* Grand Chapter recognizing the

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supreme authority of the General Grand Chapter the rejection of its new ritual appears a little strange. Massachusetts always retained its own ritual.

A special dispensation indicates that service as King or Scribe is required in Oregon before installation as High Priest, which is not necessary in Massachusetts.

The accumulation of the printed proceedings of other Grand Chapters, considered of no value after two years from date of issue, was referred to a Special Committee who suggested advertising the books for sale in some of the principal Masonic magazines. I agree with the Grand Secretary that these printed proceedings are very rarely referred to, but Massachusetts carefully preserves a copy of each of them in uniform bindings, the number of years contained in a volume varying according to the size of the proceedings, and other Grand Chapters do likewise.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 9, 1919	Balance	$3,127.22
	Receipts	5,080.88
		$8,208.10
	Disbursements	4,187.00
June 14, 1920	Balance	$4,021.10
	Investments	16,750.00
	Assets	$20,771.10

The Grand Orator, Companion J. H. Ackerman, gave an address on "The Mission of Masonry," occupying over four pages, clearly showing a good understanding of his subject.

The Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood met June 14, and fourteen qualified Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. O. O. Hodson, President.

M.·. E.·. James F. Robinson, Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

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PENNSYLVANIA 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 27
145 CHAPTERS 44,049 MEMBERS 3789 GAIN
39 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS AT THREE QUARTERLIES
Grand High Priest, DAVID J. DAVIS, Scranton, reëlected
Grand Secretary, GEORGE B. WELLS, Philadelphia

In addition to the four Quarterlies and the Annual regularly held by this Grand Chapter an Emergency Convocation was held November 21 for the purpose of making William C. Sproul, Governor of the state, a Royal Arch Mason *on sight*. Last year the same ceremony was performed by the then Grand High Priest on his own son.

For many years it has been the custom in this jurisdiction for the Grand High Priest to be retained in office two years, which we in Massachusetts consider far better than a term of a single year, but those who consider making as many Past Grand High Priests as is possible of more consequence than actual results of continued service do not agree with us.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has in its obedience two Mark Lodges with a membership in March of one hundred seventy, which is ten less than the preceding year.

It is apparently the custom in this Grand Chapter to exemplify the Mark Degree in March, the Most Excellent in June, and the Royal Arch in September. Please note that the degrees are *exemplified* and not *conferred*, from which it seems that Pennsylvania does not confer degrees on actual candidates in Grand Chapters except at "Emergency Communications."

The Annual Reports were presented and Grand Officers elected at the December Quarterly which from the attendance recorded appears the most interesting meeting of the year. The Grand High Priest's address was delivered at the Annual, St. John's Day, December 27,

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and probably the officers were then installed, but I do not find a record of it.

The Grand High Priest granted dispensations to four Chapters to confer the Royal Arch Degree without waiting the constitutional period of four weeks and by virtue of his presence permitted the same act in another Chapter. He refused several requests for similar dispensations and expressed the opinion that such dispensations should be given only in exceedingly urgent cases.

He ruled that a petition for the degrees or membership could not be signed for either a Mark Lodge or a Chapter until the petitioner had been installed as Worshipful Master or been passed to the chair by dispensation. I fail to see a reason for that ruling as applied to a Mark Lodge which confers only the Mark Degree.

This appears a little strange in Massachusetts. "Decided that smoking in the Body of the open Chapter is strictly prohibited." I have never seen smoking in any open Masonic Body in this state and personally would as soon think of smoking in church as in a Masonic meeting regularly open for work or business. It is however purely a matter of education or custom.

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 27, 1918	Balance	$1,266.64
	Receipts	26,290.04
		$27,556.68
	Disbursements	23,413.30
November 20, 1919	Balance	$4,143.38
	Investments	60,300.00
	Total	$64,443.38

The report of the Committee on Correspondence like the report of last year contains no review of our Grand Chapter. Our Proceedings are properly addressed and mailed each year and if a copy does not reach the com-

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mittee it is not our fault but is our misfortune. Will the committee please endeavor to ascertain where the trouble lies?

QUEBEC 1920

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL — MONTREAL, MARCH 24

14 CHAPTERS — 2176 MEMBERS — 205 GAIN

13 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand Z.·. presiding, R. S. KINGMAN

Grand Z.·. elected, WALTER J. FRANCIS, Montreal

Grand Scribe E., W. W. WILLIAMSON, Montreal

The address of the Grand First Principal Z. shows that during the year more candidates have received the Capitular Degrees than in any previous year, which condition exists in all the Grand Chapters whose Proceedings I have read. He is inclined to doubt, as I am, the large increase in the number of candidates being an actual gain to Capitular Masonry. Too many have apparently considered the Chapter simply a stepping stone to other degrees and have no other interest in it, and he wisely asks the Principals (High Priests) of every Chapter to "carefully scrutinize every petition for advancement and exaltation and endeavor to guard against such an increase of membership, which cannot, in any good way, be of benefit to us."

The reports of the Grand Superintendents and Grand Lecturer indicate a generally satisfactory condition of the Chapters.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

March 26, 1919	Balance	$1,910.22
	Receipts	2,269.66
		$4,179.88
	Disbursements	1,715.94
March 15, 1920	Balance	$2,463.94
	Benevolent Fund	452.31
	Committee on Finance, War Bonds	3,000.00
	Assets	$5,916.25

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Fraternal recognition was given the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

In common with several other Grand Chapters this Grand Chapter has a committee considering a revision of the ritual. I believe in adhering to old rituals as closely as possible. In my opinion the large number of candidates that have been coming to our Chapters will not continue very much longer and the work required of the officers may soon be materially reduced without changes in rituals.

The Chapters in the Montreal District have an Annual Church Service and the able and interesting address given at the Church of St. James the Apostle by the Rector, Ex. and Rev. Allan P. Shatford, on "The Three Stones," is printed with the Proceedings and well worth reading.

The Honor Roll of volunteers in the World War contains one hundred and twenty-nine names. Nine were killed in action, four wounded and one taken prisoner.

The valuable Report of Foreign Correspondence of fifty-nine pages is by M.·. E.·. E. T. D. Chambers. I think it is his thirty-second report. I am glad to read, both in his foreword and his review of Massachusetts, his agreement with my opinion of a Topical Form Correspondence Report. It utterly fails to convey the information concerning the laws and transaction of the different jurisdictions, which I think should be placed where any Companion wishing to do so can obtain it.

The fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1919 covers more than two pages and contains excerpts, with approval, from the address of our Grand High Priest.

SOUTH DAKOTA 1920

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL — PIERRE, JUNE 10

35 CHAPTERS — 4853 MEMBERS — 543 GAIN

27 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, FREDERICK TREON

Grand High Priest elected, ARTHUR B. MCKEEL, Mitchell

Grand Secretary, GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls

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In his address the Grand High Priest called attention to the educational problems of this country, the shortage of teachers and need of additional school funds, regarding which he felt the Masonic Order should take a decided whole-hearted stand for free secular education that illiteracy and bigotry should have no place here.

He reported the issue of a dispensation for a new Chapter at Lake Andes, St. Georges Chapter, and the refusal of one to ballot on a petition for the degrees "out of time" to hasten the candidate on the way to the Shrine.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 23, 1919	Balance	$3,703.91
	Receipts	4,992.54
		$8,696.45
	Disbursements	3,596.12
June 9, 1920	Balance	$5,100.33

On recommendation of the Grand Secretary, approved by the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a charter was granted Standing Rock Chapter, U.D., of McIntosh.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held June 10, and five candidates were solemnly consecrated to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Benjamin F. Ives, President.

R.·. E.·. George A. Pettigrew, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence of seventy-three pages, reviewing forty-six Grand Chapters, is the thirtieth that has been presented by M.·. E.·. Louis G. Levoy, G.·. H.·. P.·. 1894. Massachusetts 1919 received fraternal notice occupying a full page.

Before reaching the report the Proceedings contain the unpleasant information that M.·. E.·. Companion Levoy was to permanently remove from the jurisdiction. The resolution adopted by a unanimous rising vote of his

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Grand Chapter expressing its "deep regret and sincere sorrow" caused by his removal and its "heartfelt love and sincere affection" should and undoubtedly will be a pleasant remembrance for the remainder of his life. He certainly has the good will and best wishes of the Correspondents of all other Grand Chapters.

TENNESSEE 1920

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL NASHVILLE, JANUARY 26, 27

82 CHAPTERS 6881 MEMBERS 700 GAIN

72 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, J. A. FOWLER

Grand High Priest elected, A. G. BOWEN, Nashville

Grand Secretary, STITH M. CAIN, Nashville

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of dispensations to form two new chapters, one at Bolivar and one at Stewartville, both being granted charters later in the session. He recommended arresting the charters of six inactive Chapters, Alamo, No. 32, Gallatin, No. 48, Kenton, No. 125, Burns, No. 171, and Ebenezer, No. 120, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter. He was so strongly impressed with the need of greater educational facilities in the state that he recommended the appointment of a commission to study the matter and actively support every effort to improve it and that one thousand dollars be set aside for the use of the committee, which on recommendation of the Committee on Ways and Means was adopted.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

January 27, 1919	Balance	$7,100.97
	Receipts	9,706.54
		$16,807.51
	Disbursements	7,156.44
January 13, 1920	Balance	$9,651.07
	Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
	Assets	$14,651.07

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The Grand Secretary reported the receipt of petitions for dispensations to form Chapters at Erin and Celina and the Committee on Dispensations recommended granting the former and rejecting the latter. Adopted.

Eighteen Chapters were delinquent in making returns and the Grand High Priest recommended a *per capita* tax on such delinquency of ten cents per month, which received the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence and adoption by the Grand Chapter. In Massachusetts the penalty for a Chapter failing to make its returns in the prescribed time is ten dollars.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is conclusive evidence of the faithful performance of his duty. He says, "I traveled nine thousand nine hundred thirty-two miles and assisted in conferring nine hundred sixty-one degrees, doing most of the work myself." He is correct in thinking that the Grand Lecturer should not actually confer degrees, but lack of rituals made this an exceptional year.

The report of the Committee on Rituals, which was adopted, expresses "emphatic disapproval" of the revised General Grand Chapter ritual and recommends

> "that this Grand Chapter instruct its representatives to the next General Grand Convocation to vote against that section of the new constitution which gives that body the power to force Grand Chapters to use that ritual."

There are other sections of that proposed constitution I hope those representatives will vote against.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, was held January 27 and twenty-nine eligible Companions were duly set apart to the Holy Order.

A. M. Brooks, Jr., M.·. E.·. President.

Aaron Bergeda, E.·. Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence of seventy-three pages is the first by M.·. E.·. C. H. Smart, G.·. H.·. P.·. 1917,

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who writes like a veteran, and I hope he will continue to serve his Grand Chapter as its Correspondent for many years. His review of Massachusetts 1918 covers nearly two pages, excerpts being given from the address of M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince relating to the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter and from that of M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, before our Order of High Priesthood, on "Jews and Masonry."

At the close of the report, under the heading "Some Thoughts on Various Topics," there are five interesting pages well described by the heading. Under the "Past Master's Degree" he says our Committee on Ritual recommended that when that degree was conferred "upon no more than three at one time the full form ceremony shall be used," which may give his companions the impression that we work that degree on three candidates "at one and the same time," which is not true and not in accord with the report referred to, which says, when the degree is conferred "on no more than three candidates at any given convocation." He evidently does not believe in the Past Master's Degree as a Capitular Degree (in which we are not very far apart) and asks why we did not "cut the thing out all together." In reply I can simply say — if we "cut it out" every one of our candidates would be refused the privilege of visiting a Chapter in Tennessee or any other state without being "healed," which would not be fair to our candidates.

He considers a Deputy Grand High Priest "a useless appendage," but if his Grand Chapter should adopt the Massachusetts system of electing Grand Officers he would find it of much value.

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TEXAS 1919

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL WACO, DECEMBER 1, 2, 3
289 CHAPTERS 27,831 MEMBERS 3029 GAIN
112 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, B. K. HAWKINS
Grand High Priest elected, F. P. MARSHALL, Nacogdoches
Grand Secretary, T. M. BARTLEY, Waco

The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter make a book of over six hundred pages — more than double the size of our Proceedings. It contains an interesting report of the Masonic Home, built and managed by the Grand Chapter, a list of the members of each of its 289 Chapters and other matter that is not contained in our Proceedings and is the largest Capitular Proceedings I have received.

The Grand High Priest reported the Constitution of five Chapters, Whitesboro Chapter, No. 377, at Whitesboro, Arlington Chapter, No. 376, at Arlington, Pampa Chapter, No. 383 at Pampa, Newcastle Chapter, No. 384, at Newcastle, and Tampico Chapter, No 382, at Tampico.

He granted dispensations "to resume labor" to ten Chapters that had "failed to hold a meeting within the statutory length of time," to three Chapters to "move from one building to another in the same town," to thirteen Chapters to elect officers "after the date fixed by statute," to five Chapters "to appear in public and to one Chapter "to sell their old building," the Chapter and a lodge having "jointly purchased the second story of a rock building."

The Grand High Priest had applications to have Capitular Degrees conferred in his jurisdiction for seventeen other Grand Chapters, all of which were courteously granted. One of the applications was from our own Grand Chapter to have the Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees, conferred on a candidate of Bancroft Chapter of Ayer and our Grand Chapter had the pleasure of recipro-

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cating the favor by having all the degrees conferred in Dorchester Chapter, of Boston, on a candidate of Fort Worth Chapter, of Fort Worth, Texas.

September 14, 1919, a tropical hurricane and tidal wave struck the coast near Corpus Christi, "destroying hundreds of lives and leaving many homeless and in dire distress." The various Masonic bodies contributed $61,758.79 for the relief of suffering Companions.

The Grand High Priest found that the loss of memberships was fifty per cent of the gain, thirty-five per cent being for non-payment of dues, and but one out of five being reinstated. Suspension for non-payment of dues in very many instances can be avoided if the Secretary of a Chapter gives proper attention to his collections. Very few Companions who are able to pay the dues will neglect to pay if their delinquency is tactfully brought to their attention, and Companions who are not able to pay certainly should not be suspended.

The Grand High Priest recommended changing the law to provide that the Grand Chapter's share of the degree fees "should be sufficient to maintain the Grand Chapter and its institutions" without an annual tax upon the membership and the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a change providing a minimum fee for the degrees of fifty dollars, one-half to be paid the Grand Chapter in lieu of all other degree fees and Grand Chapter dues. The committee also presented a change providing that the payment of twelve annual dues of one dollar and fifty cents by a Companion would exempt him from further Grand Chapter dues.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 15, 1918	Balance	$25,411.45
	Receipts	35,580.29
		$60,991.74
	Disbursements	31,084.01
	Balance	$29,907.73

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Companions interested in the report of the Directors of the Home for Aged Masons are advised to come to our Library and read it.

The Grand Orator delivered an address covering ten pages which is well worth reading.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood met December 3 at 6 o'clock A. M. and forty-three Companions were consecrated in due and ample form.

M.·. E.·. F. W. Fitzpatrick, High Priest.

E.·. J. F. Brinkerhoff, Secretary.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the seventh by E.·. Carlton E. Mead and like his former reports is interesting and should be read by every Companion in his State. He carefully reviews forty-eight Grand Chapters, giving four pages to Massachusetts 1918 and compliments the writer by liberal quotations from the Correspondence Report of that year with approval.

There is much more in Texas 1919 that I would like to mention but consideration of time and space has forced me to omit much interesting matter — come to the Library, Companions, and examine it.

VERMONT 1920

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD — BURLINGTON, JUNE 11

30 CHAPTERS — 4893 MEMBERS — 178 GAIN

25 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, GEORGE I. WHITNEY

Grand High Priest elected, CHARLES A. LANG, Montpelier

Grand Secretary, HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington

In a short, businesslike way the Grand High Priest gives an account of his administration, which appears to have been quite uneventful. He attended seven District Meetings, issued three dispensations, was not called on to adjust any grievances or render any decision and issued commissions to three Companions as Representatives of

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the Grand Chapter of Vermont near other Grand Chapters. He refused a dispensation to hold a special convocation to ballot on several candidates, which seems a proper course.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 12, 1919	Balance	$5,526.81
	Receipts	2,895.24
		$8,422.05
	Disbursements	2,158.50
June 11, 1920	Balance	$6,263.55
	Liberty Bonds	9,000.00
		$15,263.55

The reports of the Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand High Priests give a favorable opinion of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction.

A Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held June 10 and nine candidates were anointed High Priests of the Order.

R.·. E.·. Christie B. Crowell, President.

R.·. E.·. George F. Root, Recorder.

"With the typewriter freshly oiled, scissors newly ground and a fresh pot of paste" nothing but an able and interesting Report on Correspondence could be expected from M.·. E.·. Eugene S. Weston and no reason for disappointment exists. It is all good work.

In his review of Massachusetts 1919 he mentions the absence from our convocations of the Representative of his Grand Chapter and I am glad to explain his absence. The sickness of this good Companion's wife has for a long time, because of her mental condition, required his presence with her every moment he can spare from his business.

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I very closely agree with Companion Weston's opinions on all matters of importance likely to affect any number of Companions. Existing conditions may change our views somewhat. For instance, if in Vermont there were several large Chapters located closely together and it was found that candidates were being regularly taken back and forth between them to rush them through the degrees as quickly as possible, or that candidates were sent to a Chapter to have a degree conferred simply that the sending Chapter might be relieved from doing the work, he might then feel as I do that the "courtesy" work between Chapters better be controlled by dispensation.

There are two sides to the Dual Membership question — up to this time I have not known of any trouble arising from it in Massachusetts or any injury having been caused by it. Should either occur it will undoubtedly receive prompt attention.

VIRGINIA 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ANNUAL RICHMOND, NOV. 28, 29

67 CHAPTERS 9671 MEMBERS 946 GAIN

44 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JAMES H. PRICE

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN T. COCHRAN, The Plains

Grand Secretary, J. GUS HANKINS, Richmond

In his address the Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter in the city of Richmond, Highland Park Chapter, and a charter was voted the Chapter later in the session. He also mentioned the surrender of the charters of Galax Chapter, No. 70, of Galax, and Pridemore Chapter, No. 42, at Jonesville.

A decision that a Chapter had no right to confer the Council Degrees for another jursidiction is in no degree discourteous unless applied to West Virginia, which undoubtedly it does not, as the two Virginias

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are the only states in which the Council Degrees are conferred in the Chapters and the degrees so conferred are not recognized in other jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest made the wise recommendation that some systematic effort be made to secure a larger attendance at convocations of the Grand Chapter but I find no reference to the recommendation in the Report of the Committee on the Address. If that recommendation was adopted and earnestly and faithfully executed the Grand Lecturer's report of instructing officers and conferring degrees would not cover ten full pages of the Proceedings or contain a statement like the following relating to a visit to a Chapter: "Remained fourteen days, doing instruction work during the day and conferring degrees at night." I am a firm believer in requiring the officers of a Chapter to learn to do the work of their Chapter; if any of them will not or cannot do the work of their office remove them and put others in their places. An efficiency test for officers before installation would be an excellent requirement. That the Grand Lecturer has been an earnest, faithful and efficient officer is clearly shown by his report, wihch contains this statement: "There are now less than a dozen Chapters in the state that are depending upon outside help to confer degrees."

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 7, 1918	Balance	$378.79
	Receipts	4,940.18
		$5,318.97
	Disbursements	4,521.74
October 28, 1919	Balance	$797.23
	Investments	1,500.00
	Assets	$2,297.23

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Previous to the election of Grand Officers R.·. E.·. James Braxton Blanks, who has been Grand Secretary for twenty-four years and has passed four score years of age, was created Grand Secretary *emeritus, ad vitam,* with a salary of six hundred dollars per annum during his life. A recognition of long and faithful services.

A resolution was also passed requesting R.·. E.·. John T. Cochran, Grand King and Grand Lecturer, to be elected Grand High Priest, to continue to serve on the Committee on Work and as Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests convened October 29 and 31 High Priests-elect were consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

M.·. E.·. James E. Alexander, President.

R.·. E.·. James B. Blanks, Recorder.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report by Companion Joseph W. Eggleston of sixty pages is interesting from beginning to end but contains no mention of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. His last reference to that Grand Chapter was for 1918. Our proceedings for 1919 should have reached him in February, allowing ample time for it to be included in his report.

WASHINGTON 1920

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL — SPOKANE, MAY 3, 4

37 CHAPTERS — 5436 MEMBERS — 557 GAIN

35 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED*

Grand High Priest presiding, EDWIN H. VAN PATTEN

Grand High Priest elected, FREDERICK LAU JANECK, Yakima

Grand Secretary, YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Walla Walla

On account of his wife's sickness, which ended in death, the Grand High Priest was obliged to be out of the jurisdiction from the first of October until early in April and

* Office vacant.

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the duties of his office were performed by the Deputy Grand High Priest from the time of his departure. His address and that of the Deputy Grand High Priest are practically purely of local interest. The Deputy Grand High Priest rendered a decision that a Brother who had lost a hand was disqualified from taking the Capitular Degrees, thereby adding to the Brother's misfortune.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 5, 1919	Balance	$4,443.03
	Receipts	115.43
		$4,558.46
	Disbursements	4,295.60
May 1, 1920	Balance	$262.86
May 3	Received from Secretary	4,725.44
	Investments	2,500.00
	Assets	$7,488.30

E.·. James Hoffer Johnson, Grand Orator, gave an excellent address covering four pages which is well worth reading.

The Visiting Officers presented generally favorable reports. In Pacific Chapter, No. 28, at South Bend, the High Priest is eighty-three years old and "is rapidly memorizing the ritual," which, I understand, is the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held May 3, and twenty High Priests and Past High Priests were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Horace W. Tyler, President.

R.·. E.·. Yancey C. Blalock, Recorder.

R.·. E.·. Yancey C. Blalock in presenting his thirtieth Correspondence Report says "on account of the cost of printing I have made it mainly statistical" and submits a

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review of fifty-one Grand Chapters, covering seventy-two pages, giving Massachusetts 1919 a full page. His reason for reducing the length of his report is a good one and undoubtedly many other correspondents are following the same course. I am trying to do so but find it somewhat difficult. R.·. E.·. Companion Blalock succeeded in getting much information into comparatively small spaces.

WEST VIRGINIA 1919

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL CHARLESTON, NOVEMBER 10, 11
43 CHAPTERS 8156 MEMBERS 624 GAIN
36 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, BENJAMIN A. CARUTHERS
Grand High Priest elected, THOMAS M. TURNER, Martinsburg
Grand Secretary, GEORGE M. FORD, Wheeling

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Princeton to be known as Princeton Chapter, and on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a charter was granted the Chapter with the number 44.

Virginia and West Virginia are the only jurisdictions in which the Council Degrees are conferred in the Chapters and Companions so receiving those degrees are not recognized as Royal and Select Masters in any other Cryptic Jurisdiction. In 1916 a committee was appointed to consider relinquishing control of the Council Degrees. In 1917 the committee reported they were not sufficiently informed to make a recommendation and a motion to retain control of the degrees was carried by a vote of one hundred and nineteen in the affirmative to twenty-nine in the negative. This year the Grand High Priest called attention to "the inevitable fact that we must come into harmony with the rest of the Masonic world by separating our Capitular from our Cryptic Degrees," and, later, a motion to surrender jurisdiction over the Council Degrees was

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referred to a committee who before the close of the convocation "presented a very exhaustive report, which, after a full discussion, was tabled."

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 7, 1918	Balance	$11,179.60
	Receipts*	6,042.73
		$17,222.33
	Disbursements	4,062.72
November 11, 1919	Balance	$13,159.61

A Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held November 11 but no record of conferring the Order is given.

M.·. E.·. Braxton D. Gibson, President.

M.·. E.·. George M. Ford, Recorder.

The former Correspondent, M.·. E.·. Kephart D. Walker, closed his last report with these words, "In all probability I will never be with you again at our Annual Convocation." A true prophecy — this good Companion, September 11, 1919, in the eighty-third year of his age, finished his earthly labor and entered his Eternal Home, leaving with his Companions a memory of a "true and tried friend and Companion to whom we were wont to turn for advice and instruction."

No Correspondence Report.

WYOMING 1920

TWELFTH ANNUAL — RAWLINS, JULY 15

13 CHAPTERS — 1469 MEMBERS — 191 GAIN

11 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM PUGH

Grand High Priest elected, CHARLES W. SHELDON, Sheridan

Grand Secretary, SAMUEL CORSON, Cheyenne

* $1,768.31 Masonic Home Assessment.

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The Grand High Priest announced the death of M.·. E.·. Adrian J. Parshall, one of the "pillars of strength" of Masonry in his state. He was the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter under date of 1909 and under 1909-10 he is recorded as Grand Secretary, which office he held until his death. He also was the Committee on Correspondence from the organization of the Grand Chapter, writing his last report in 1919, his earthly labor being completed November 15 of that year. He was an earnest, careful reader and an able, interesting writer and accomplished Mason.

The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of Buffalo Chapter, No. 13, at Buffalo and a Dispensation to form Riverton Chapter at Riverton, which on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations was granted a Charter as No. 14.

A special committee to consider the proposed extension of authority by the General Grand Chapter presented a report, which was laid on the table.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

July 11, 1919	Balance	$1,244.00
	Receipts	1,975.00
		$3,219.00
	Disbursements	1,622.18
July 12, 1920	Balance	$1,596.82

The Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood met in Laramie December 10, 1919, for the election of officers.

M.·. E.·. Jesse Converse, President.

R.·. E.·. Frank E. Heprer, Secretary.

A Grand Convention for work was held in Rawlins July 15, 1920, and six High Priests were consecrated and set apart to the Order.

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The well written Report on Correspondence of one hundred and sixteen pages is the first by M.˙. E.˙. Samuel Corson, G.˙. H.˙. P.˙. 1916-17. His friendly consideration of Massachusetts 1919 occupies over two pages and contains excerpts from the address of our Grand High Priest, which Companion Corson approves. I give him my fraternal greeting and express the hope for a better acquaintance.

CONCLUSION

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The one subject that has been most frequently mentioned in the Proceedings that have reached me during the past year is the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter, which will come before that body at its coming Triennial Convocation. Some Grand Chapters will favor and some oppose its adoption. The best presentation of the affirmative side of the question that has attracted my attention is by M.˙. E.˙. Adolph M. Christianson, Grand High Priest of North Dakota and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that state.

He strongly favors giving the General Grand Body the supreme authority over the constituent Grand Chapters, which is the principal object of the proposed constitution, saying, "it will tend to make the General Grand Chapter a more important body," in which statement he is correct; but he does not mention the fact that the adoption of that constitution will *destroy* the sovereignty of his own Grand Chapter and reduce it to a subordinate body subject to admonition and instruction from a superior body. Under that condition it is possible that foreign Grand Chapters, and the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Texas, might refuse to recognize, exchange representatives and correspond with the Grand Chapter of North Dakota

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because it was not an independent, sovereign body and therefore not their equal. Would the Grand Chapter of North Dakota correspond and exchange representatives with a subordinate Chapter of another jurisdiction or with the Provincial or District Grand Chapters of England or Scotland?

Would not the adoption of the proposed constitution make the Grand Chapters of North Dakota and Massachusetts simply District Grand Chapters of the General Grand Chapter entitled only to recognition as such? The proposed constitution contains several sections that are misleading and apparently intended to conceal the full meaning and effect of Section 14, which says, "*This General Grand Chapter shall have the power to admonish or instruct any constituent Grand Chapter.*" There is no limitation of that power anywhere in the proposed constitution. It gives absolute and supreme authority to the General Grand Chapter over all forms, ceremonies, and ritual, yet it also contains, "Sect. 18, '*Except as provided in this constitution,* this General Grand Chapter shall have no power of discipline over its constituent Grand Chapters,'" and "Sect. 40, 'Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence, *except as herein provided,* of the several subordinate Chapters in their respective jurisdictions.'" What do those two, and several other similar sections, amount to, except to mislead and cover up the real force of the new constitution, which gives the General Grand Chapter *full authority to admonish and instruct* the Grand Chapters and makes it "the supreme judicial power of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort"? (Sect. 12.)

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NUMERICAL GAIN

Practically every Grand Chapter reports an unprecedented gain in membership during the year and it is generally mentioned by Grand High Priests as the "Banner Year." In my opinion that depends on what is considered to be the real object of Capitular Masonry. If it be numerical increase, it certainly has been a "Banner Year"; but, Companions, seriously, do you really believe that to be the true aim of the Order? Is there not something far above that, something nobler, something truer to our ideals and the real genius of Masonry? If but a small fraction of the interest and energy that has been displayed in securing candidates was devoted to giving life and effect to the lessons taught and professions made in our Chapters, would we not have much greater cause for rejoicing than we now have? In mentioning the large increase of membership in Chapters, the Grand High Priest of North Carolina asks in his address:

> "Have we made that many more Royal Arch Masons and added to their store of Masonic knowledge, or have we simply conferred the degrees that they may pass through and obtain the Shrine?"

Candidates with that or a similar aim in view are poor material for Capitular Masonry and are making it only a machine for conferring degrees in which they have no interest and to which they give no personal support.

Fraternally,

Frederick J. Conner

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